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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 881.003WO1	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/US98/24138	International filing date (day/month/year) 12/11/1998	Priority date (day/month/year) 12/11/1997
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C12N15/82		
Applicant BOARD OF CONTROL OF MICHIGAN TECHNOL. et al.		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 8 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-38 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-53 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/14-14/14 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

IV. Lack of unity of invention

1. In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:

- restricted the claims.
 paid additional fees.
 paid additional fees under protest.
 neither restricted nor paid additional fees.

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2. This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.
3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is
 - complied with.
 - not complied with for the following reasons:
see separate sheet
4. Consequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary examination in establishing this report:
 - all parts.
 - the parts relating to claims Nos. 1-28, 33-44, 50-53.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 3,17,34, 33-35,37,50,52
	No:	Claims 1,2,4-16, 18-28, 36, 38-44, 51, 53
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-28, 33-44, 50-53
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-28, 33-44, 50-53
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

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Re Item I

Basis of the opinion

1. It is noted that the numbering of the claims taken as a basis for the present opinion is the one presented with the set of claims substituted under Rule 26 PCT.

Re Item IV

Lack of unity of invention

2. The IPEA considers that the present claims do not relate to one invention or a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept as required by Rule 13.1 PCT. The reasoning is as follows:

Currently, the inventive concept linking all claims can be considered as "methods for altering the growth characteristics of a plant by incorporating into the genome of a plant a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase or regulatory parts thereof".

This concept is however known from Kajita, S. et al., Plant Cell Physiology, vol. 37, no. 7 (1996), pages 957-965. The document discloses that the introduction of 4-coumarate:coenzyme A ligase (4CL) chimeric sense and antisense genes into tobacco caused the reduction of 4CL activity. The observed effects were that the cell walls of the xylem tissue in stems were brown, that the molecular structure of lignin in the coloured cell walls was different from that of control plants and that the lignin content was reduced.

Thus, since the above defined inventive concept is not novel, the application is considered as being directed to nine different inventions which are not linked by corresponding special technical features. The specific features (in bold letters) are regarded to be:

Invention 1:

Claims 1-17: Incorporation into the genome of a plant a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate-Co-enzyme A ligase for **altering the growth characteristics**.

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Invention 2:

Claims 18-28: **Genetically down regulating** the enzyme 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for altering the characteristic of a plant, the characteristic selected from the group of **accelerated growth, reduced lignin content, altered lignin structure, increased disease resistance and increased cellulose content.**

Invention 3:

Claims 29-31, 45, 46, 48: A DNA molecule comprising a DNA segment comprising a **transcriptional regulatory region** of a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and expression cassette containing said segment and **directing expression to the xylem.**

Invention 4:

Claims 29, 30, 32, 45, 47: DNA molecule comprising a DNA segment comprising a **transcriptional regulatory region** of a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and expression cassette containing said segment and **directing expression to epidermal tissue.**

Invention 5:

Claims 33-38, 49: Introducing an **expression cassette** comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase **for imparting disease resistance.**

Invention 6:

Claims 39, 40: Introducing an **expression cassette** comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase **for altering the lignin content.**

Invention 7:

Claims 41, 42: Introducing an **expression cassette** comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase **for altering the cellulose content.**

Invention 8:

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Claims 43, 44: Introducing an **expression cassette** comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase **for altering the lignin structure**.

Invention 9:

Claims 50-53: Incorporating into the genome of the plant a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase **for enhancing root growth**.

Although there are formally nine inventions encompassed in the present application, the IPEA considers that the inventions reflected by claims 1-28, 33-44 and 50-53 on the one hand and the inventions reflected by claims 29-32 and 45-48 on the other hand could be examined together without effort justifying the payment of eight additional fees. Therefore, the Applicant was invited to pay **one** additional examination fee. The Applicant has not reacted to this invitation.

Therefore, only the claims 1-28, 33-44 and 50-53 are examined in this IPER.

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

3. KAJITA, S. ET AL.: 'Alterations in the biosynthesis of lignin in transgenic plants with chimeric gens for 4-coumarate:coenzyme A ligase' PLANT CELL PHYSIOLOGY, vol. 37, no. 7, 1996, pages 957-965 (hereinafter referred to as **D1**) discloses that the introduction of 4-coumarate:coenzyme A ligase (hereinafter referred to as "4CL") chimeric sense and antisense genes (see page 958, second column, lines 3-12) into tobacco caused reduction of 4CL activity (see for example page 963, first column, first paragraph). The observed effects were that cell walls of the xylem tissue in stems were brown (page 960, first column, third paragraph), that the molecular structure of lignin in the coloured cell walls was different from that of control plants (page 963, second paragraph, last sentence) and that the lignin content was reduced (page 962, second column). Consequently, D1 is regarded as novelty destroying for the subject-matter of claims 1,2, 4-16, 18-28, 36, 38-44, 51 and 53 (Article 33(2) PCT).

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4. DOUGLAS, C.J. ET AL.: 'Exonic sequences are required for elicitor and light activation of a plant defense gene, but promoter sequences are sufficient for tissue specific expression' THE EMBO JOURNAL, vol. 10, no. 7, July 1991, pages 1767-1775 (hereinafter referred to as **D2**) discloses tobacco plants transformed with a complete parsley 4CL-1 genomic clone (page 1770, second column, first paragraph). Expression of the gene was detected (page 1770, last sentence). Consequently, the subject-matter of claims 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 51 and 53 (Article 33(2) PCT).
5. It is noted that some of the effects on plants expressing 4-CL gene are not mentioned in either of D1 or D2 (for example claim 36, "imparting disease resistance" or claim 51, "enhanced root growth"). However, the fact that an effect is not stated in a document does not necessarily render the subject-matter of a claim stating this effect novel over that document. Moreover, it is stated in the present application that the additional expression of the 4-CL gene automatically provide the plants with the mentioned effects.
6. It follows from the above evaluation that the subject-matter of claims 3, 17, 33-35, 37, 50 and 52 is novel.
7. It appears that none of the features of the above mentioned novel claims when combined with features of any other claim would be appropriate to render the subject-matter of the novel claims inventive.

Claim 3: expression of heterologous 4-CL genes is known from D2 (parsley gene in tobacco) or LEE, D. ET AL.: 'The Arabidopsis thaliana 4-coumarate:CoA ligase (4CL) gene: stress and developmentally regulated expression and nucleotide sequence of its cDNA' PLANT MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, vol. 28, 1995, pages 871-884 (hereinafter referred to as **D3**).

Claim 17: transformation of any plant, i.e. plants that will become trees, is common general knowledge

Claims 33-35: The role of 4-CL in disease resistance is for example known from UHLMANN,A. AND EBEL, J.: 'Molecular cloning and expression of 4-coumarate:coenzyme A ligase, an enzyme involved in the resistance response of soybean (*Glycine max* L.) against pathogen attack' PLANT PHYSIOLOGY

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(hereinafter referred to as D4).

Claim 37: It is common general knowledge that normally seeds are produced from transgenic plants.

Claims 50 and 52: The effect of 4-CL on root growth can for example be taken from D3, page 876, second column, last full sentence; page 877, first column, last sentence of second paragraph.

Consequently, at present, the subject-matter of claims 3, 17, 33-35, 37, 50 and 52 is not regarded to involve an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

Re Item VI

Certain documents cited

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 881.003W01	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 98/ 24138	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 12/11/1998	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 12/11/1997
Applicant BOARD OF CONTROL OF MICHIGAN TECHNOL. et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 8 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
 - b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
 - contained in the international application in written form.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 - the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 - the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished
2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).
4. With regard to the title,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-50 (1-17)

Method for altering the growth characteristics of a plant by incorporating into the genome a DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate-Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants.

2. Claims: 18-25

Method for altering the characteristic of a plant, the characteristic selected from the group of accelerated growth, reduced lignin content, altered lignin structure, increased disease resistance and increased cellulose content, by genetically down-regulating the enzyme 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants

3. Claims: 26-28, 42, 43, 45

A DNA molecule comprising a DNA segment comprising a transcriptional regulatory region of a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and expression cassette containing said segment and directing expression to the xylem.

4. Claims: 26, 27, 29, 42, 44

DNA molecule comprising a DNA segment comprising a transcriptional regulatory region of a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and expression cassette containing said segment and directing expression to epidermal tissue

5. Claims: 30-35

Method of imparting disease resistance to a plant tissue by introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants and seeds

6. Claims: 36, 37

Method for altering the lignin content in a plant by introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants

7. Claims: 38, 39

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Method for altering the cellulose content in a plant by introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants

8. Claims: 40, 41

Method for altering the lignin structure in a plant by introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants

9. Claims: 47-50

Method for enhancing the root growth of a plant by incorporating into the genome of the plant a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants

The ISA considers that the present claims do not relate to one invention or a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept as required by Rule 13.1 PCT. The reasoning is as follows:

Currently, the inventive concept linking all claims can be considered as methods for altering the growth characteristics of a plant by incorporating into the genome of a plant a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase or regulatory parts thereof.

This concept is however known from Kajita, S. et al., Plant Cell Physiology, vol. 37, no. 7 (1996), pages 957-965. The document discloses that the introduction of 4-coumarate:coenzyme A ligase (4CL) chimeric sense and antisense genes into tobacco caused the reduction of 4CL activity. The observed effects were that the cell walls of the xylem tissue in stems were brown, that the molecular structure of lignin in the colored cell walls was different from that of control plants and that the lignin content was reduced.

Thus, since the above defined inventive concept is not novel, the application is considered as being directed to nine different inventions which are not linked by corresponding special technical features. The specific features are:

1. Claims 1-17: Incorporation into the genome a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate-Co-enzyme A ligase for altering the growth characteristics.

2. Claims 18-25: Genetically down regulating the enzyme 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for altering the characteristic of a plant, the characteristic selected from the group of accelerated growth, reduced lignin content, altered lignin structure, increased disease

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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

resistance and increased cellulose content.

3. Claims 26-28, 42, 43, 45: A DNA molecule comprising a DNA segment comprising a transcriptional regulatory region of a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and expression cassette containing said segment and directing expression to the xylem.

4. Claims 26, 27, 29, 42, 44: DNA molecule comprising a DNA segment comprising a transcriptional regulatory region of a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and expression cassette containing said segment and directing expression to epidermal tissue.

5. Clais 30-35, 46: Introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for imparting disease resistance.

6. Claims 36, 37: Introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for altering the lignin content.

7. Claims 38, 39: Introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for latering the cellulose content.

8. Claims 40, 41: Introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for altering the lignin structure.

9. Claims 47-50: Incorporating into the genome of the plant a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for enhancing root growth.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
 IPC 6 A01H C12N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	DOUGLAS, C.J. ET AL.: "Exonic sequences are required for elicitor and light activation of a plant defense gene, but promoter sequences are sufficient for tissue specific expression" THE EMBO JOURNAL, vol. 10, no. 7, July 1991, pages 1767-1775, XP002100277 see page 1770, sec. column; page 1771, first column, lines 7-13 and sec. column, lines 11-14; page 1773, sec. column, lines 6-8 and last paragraph contind. on page 1774, lines 1-5; page 1774, first column, lines 24-26, sec. column, first paragraph; page 1771, first column, lines 11-12	1,3,4,6, 7,10, 12-15, 26, 28-31, 33,42-44
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 Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	KAJITA, S. ET AL.: "Alterations in the biosynthesis of lignin in transgenic plants with chimeric gens for 4-coumarate:coenzyme A ligase" PLANT CELL PHYSIOLOGY, vol. 37, no. 7, 1996, pages 957-965, XP002065207 page 958, second column, lines 1-12; Figure 2; page 960, sec. column, sec. paragraph; page 961, sec. column; 962, sec. column; page 963, first column, first paragraph ---	1,2, 4-16, 18-26, 36-42
A	ZHANG, X.-H. AND CHIANG, V.L.: "Molecular cloning of 4-coumarate:coenzym A Ligase in loblolly pine and the roles of this enzyme in the biosynthesis of lignin in compression wood" PLANT PHYSIOLOGY, vol. 113, January 1997, page 65-74 XP002100278 see page 70, first column, lines 33-36	28, 36-41,43
A	UHLMANN,A. AND EBEL, J.: "Molecular cloning and expression of 4-coumarate:coenzyme A ligase, an enzyme involved in the resistance response of soybean (Glycine max L.) against pathogen attack" PLANT PHYSIOLOGY, XP002100279 see the abstract	1
A	LEE, D. ET AL.: "The Arabidopsis thaliana 4-coumarate:CoA ligase (4CL) gene: stress and developmentally regulated expression and nucleotide sequence of its cDNA" PLANT MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, vol. 28, 1995, pages 871-884, XP002100280 see page 876, second column, lines 16-20	47-50
P,X	WO 98 11205 A (GENESIS RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED) 19 March 1998 see Example 4	3-7, 10-14, 18-20, 22,24, 25,36,37
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T	HU, W.J. ET AL.: "Compartmentalized expression of two structurally and functionally distinct 4-coumarate:CoA ligase genes in aspen (<i>Populus tremoides</i>)" PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, vol. 95, April 1998, pages 5407-5412, XP002100281 see the whole document -----	1

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Information on patent family members

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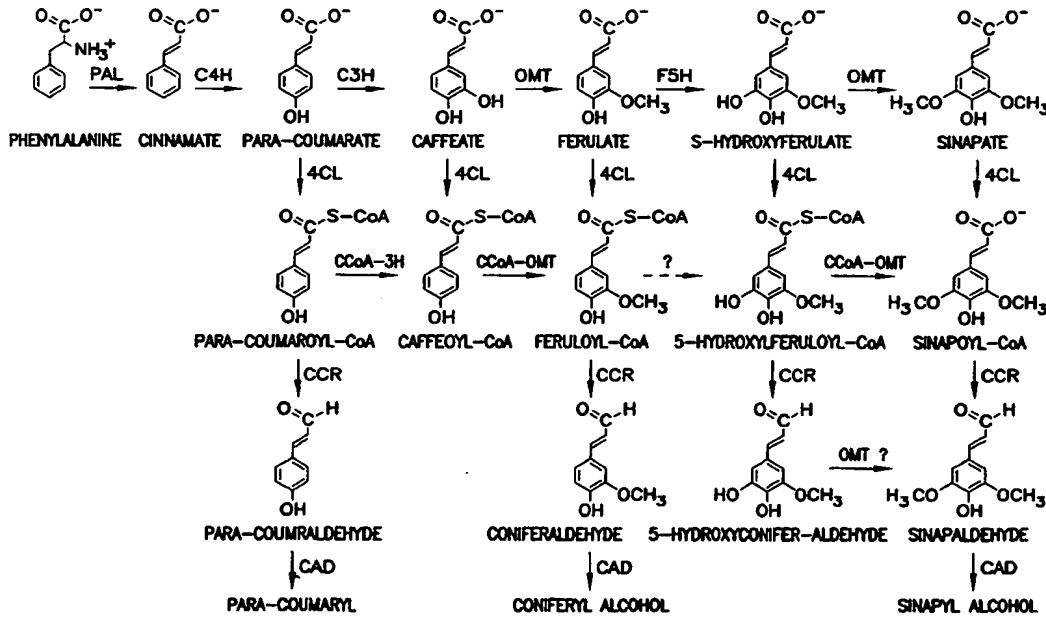
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(57) Abstract

The invention pertains to altering a lignin pathway 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase (4CL) in plants.

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Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 08/969,046, filed November 12, 1997, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

Field of the Invention

10 The invention relates to genetically modifying plants, e.g., trees, through manipulation of the lignin biosynthesis pathway, and more particularly, to genetically modifying plants through the down regulation of 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase (4CL) to achieve faster growth. Down regulation of 4CL may also achieve altered lignin content, and/or altered lignin structure, and/or altered
15 cellulose content, and/or altered disease resistance of the trees. Moreover, promoters of the 4CL genes are useful to drive gene expression specifically in xylem tissue or specifically in epidermal tissues.

Background of the Invention

20 Genetic engineering of plants to conform to desired traits has shifted the emphasis in plant improvement away from the traditional breeding programs during the past decade. Although research on genetic engineering of plants has been vigorous, the progress has been slow.

25 The ability to make plants grow faster continues to be the top objective of many companies worldwide. The ability to genetically increase the optimal growth of plants would be a commercially significant improvement. Faster growing plants could be used by all sectors of the agriculture and forest products industries worldwide.

30 Lignin, a complex phenolic polymer, is a major component in cell walls of secondary xylem. In general, lignin constitutes 25% of the dry weight of the wood, making it the second most abundant organic compound on earth after cellulose. Although lignin plays an important role in plants, it usually represents an obstacle to utilizing biomass in several applications. For example, in wood

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pulp production, lignin has to be removed through expensive and polluting processes in order to recover cellulose.

Thus, it is desirable to genetically engineer plants with reduced lignin content and/or altered lignin composition that can be utilized more efficiently.

5 Plants that could be genetically engineered with a reduced amount of lignin would be commercially valuable. These genetically engineered plants would be less expensive to pulp because, in essence, part of the pulping has already been performed due to the reduced amount of lignin. Further, plants with increased cellulose content would also be commercially valuable to the pulp and paper

10 industry.

Disease resistance in plants is also a desirable plant trait. The impact of disease resistance in plants on the economy of plant products industry worldwide is significant.

Thus, what is needed is the identification and characterization of genes 15 useful to enhance plant growth, alter lignin content and/or structure in plants, alter cellulose content in plants, and/or provide or enhance disease resistance of plants.

Summary of the Invention

The invention provides a method to genetically alter plants through the 20 down regulation (decrease) or inhibition of native (endogenous) 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase (4CL) in that plant. Such down regulation of 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase results in faster growth, and/or reduced lignin content, and/or altered lignin structure, and/or altered cellulose content, and/or altered disease resistance in the genetically altered plant. The invention also provides 25 for genetically engineered plants, e.g., transformed or transgenic plants, which have been altered to down regulate or inhibit native 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase in the plant so as to achieve faster growth, and/or reduced lignin content, and/or altered lignin structure, and/or increased cellulose content, and/or increased disease resistance. Preferred genetically altered plants include trees, 30 e.g., angiosperms or gymnosperms, forage crops, and more preferably a forest tree, e.g., Populus. Preferred angiosperms include, but are not limited to, Populus, Acacia, Sweetgum, yellow poplar, maple and birch, including pure

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lines and hybrids thereof. Preferred gymnosperms include, but are not limited to, Pine, Spruce, Douglas-fir and hemlock.

The invention further provides a transgenic plant, the genome of which is augmented by a recombinant DNA molecule encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme

- 5 A ligase, or a recombinant DNA molecule comprising an antisense 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene, or a fragment thereof. The recombinant DNA molecule is expressed so as to down regulate, decrease or inhibit lignin pathway 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase.

The invention also provides an isolated and purified DNA molecule
10 comprising a DNA segment comprising a transcriptional regulatory control region of a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene. Preferably, the transcriptional regulatory region comprises a promoter. Tissue specific promoters of a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene can be used to manipulate gene expression in target tissue such as xylem and epidermal tissues, as
15 described hereinbelow. Preferably, the promoter is derived from aspen DNA. Therefore, the invention also provides an expression cassette comprising a transcriptional regulatory region of a 4-coumarate co-enzyme A ligase gene, a method of using the region to express a preselected DNA segment in a tissue-specific manner in plant cells, and a transgenic plant comprising the expression
20 cassette.

Also provided is a method to alter, e.g., enhance, plant growth. The method comprises introducing an expression cassette into cells of a plant, e.g., the cells of a tree, so as to yield genetically altered plant cells. The expression cassette comprises a recombinant DNA molecule, segment, or sequence,
25 comprising a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene, or a fragment thereof. Preferably, the 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene, or fragment thereof, is in antisense orientation. The 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene may be a homologous or heterologous 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene. The transformed plant cells are regenerated to provide a genetically altered, e.g.,
30 transgenic, plant. The recombinant DNA is expressed in the cells of the regenerated, genetically altered plant in an amount that confers enhanced or accelerated growth to the regenerated, genetically altered plant relative to the

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corresponding non-genetically altered plant. Preferably, the genetically altered plant is a tree. It is preferred that a genetically altered tree of the invention has an increase in height, leaf size, diameter and/or average internode length relative to the corresponding non-genetically altered tree.

5 Hence, the invention also provides for a genetically altered plant, the genome of which is augmented by a recombinant DNA molecule encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase, or a recombinant DNA molecule comprising an antisense 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene, or fragment thereof, which plant has altered growth characteristics relative to the corresponding non-
10 genetically altered plant.

Further provided is a method to genetically alter plants so as to change or alter their lignin structure. The method comprises introducing an expression cassette into cells of a plant, e.g., a tree, so as to yield genetically altered plant cells. The expression cassette preferably comprises an antisense recombinant
15 DNA molecule, segment or sequence comprising a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene, or a fragment thereof. The transformed plant cells are regenerated to provide a regenerated, genetically altered plant. The recombinant DNA is expressed in the cells of the regenerated, genetically altered plant in an amount that alters the lignin structure in the cells of the plant relative to the
20 corresponding non-genetically altered plant.

Also provided is a method for altering the lignin content in a plant. The method comprises introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene operably linked to a promoter functional in a plant cell into the cells of a plant. The plant
25 cells are regenerated so as to yield a genetically altered plant. The recombinant DNA molecule is expressed in the cells of the regenerated plant in an amount effective to alter the lignin content in the plant cells. Preferably, the lignin content is reduced. Also preferably, the lignin content is reduced in a tissue-specific manner. In particular, a reduction in lignin content in forage crops is
30 useful as the digestability of these crops by ruminants is increased. Also preferably, the 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene is in an antisense orientation relative to the promoter.

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Further provided is a genetically altered, e.g., transgenic, plant having an altered lignin content in the plant cells. The plant comprises a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase operably linked to a promoter so that the recombinant DNA 5 molecule is expressed in an amount effective to alter the lignin content of the plant.

Yet another embodiment of the invention is a method to alter, e.g., increase, the cellulose content in plants. The method comprises introducing an expression cassette into cells of a plant, e.g., a tree, so as to yield genetically 10 altered plant cells. The expression cassette preferably comprises an antisense recombinant DNA molecule, segment or sequence comprising a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene, or a fragment thereof, operably linked to a promoter functional in a plant cell. The transformed plant cells are regenerated to provide a regenerated, genetically altered plant. The recombinant DNA is expressed in 15 the cells of the regenerated, genetically altered plant in an amount that alters the cellulose content in plant. Thus, the invention further provides a genetically altered, e.g., transgenic, plant having an altered cellulose content.

The invention also provides a method to genetically alter plants to increase their disease resistance, e.g., to fungal pathogens. The method 20 comprises introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase operably linked to a promoter functional in a plant cell into cells of a plant. The transformed plant cells are regenerated to provide a genetically altered plant. The recombinant DNA molecule is expressed in the cells of the 25 regenerated, genetically altered plant in an amount effective to render the plant resistant to disease. Preferably, the recombinant DNA molecule is expressed in amount that decreases the amount of lignin in the plant and/or increases the amount of phenolic compounds which are toxic to fungal pathogens. Hence, the invention also provides a transgenic plant, which is substantially resistant to 30 disease. The plant comprises a native 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene, and a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase operably linked to a promoter functional in a

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plant wherein the recombinant DNA molecule is expressed in an amount effective to confer resistance to the transgenic plant.

Other features and advantages of the invention will become apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art upon review of the following drawings, detailed 5 description and claims.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 is a schematic of a phenylpropanoid pathway;

Fig. 2 is a diagram of Agrobacterium T-DNA gene construct pA4CL1;

Fig. 3 is a restriction map of genomic clone Pt4CL1g-4;

10 Fig. 4 is a restriction map of genomic clone Pt4CL2g-11;

Fig. 5 is a restriction map of subcloned pT4CL1 gene promoter p7Z-4XS;

Fig. 6 is a restriction map of subcloned pT4CL2 gene promoter pSK-

11HE;

Fig. 7 is an Agrobacterium T-DNA construct of Pt4CL1 promoter and 15 GUS fusion gene Pt4CL1p-GUS; and

Fig. 8 is an Agrobacterium T-DNA construct of Pt4CL2 promoter and GUS fusion gene, Pt4CL2p-GUS.

Fig. 9 shows biosynthetic pathways to guaiacyl (coniferyl alcohol **9a**) and 20 syringyl (sinapyl alcohol **9b**) monolignols for the formation of guaiacyl-syringyl lignin in wood angiosperms. Enzymes are indicated for each reaction step.

C4H, cinnamic acid 4-hydroxylase; C3H, 4-coumaric acid 3-hydroxylase; COMT, caffeic acid *O*-methyltransferase; F5H, ferulic acid 5-hydroxylase; CCR, cinnamoyl-CoA reductase; CAD, cinnamyl alcohol dehydrogenase. Aspen 4CL (Pt4CL1) converts 4-coumaric **2**, caffeic **3**, ferulic **4**, 5-hydroxyferulic **5**, and 25 sinapic **6** acids into their corresponding thioesters for the formation of feruloyl-CoA **7a** and sinapoyl-CoA **7b**, leading to **9a** and **9b**, respectively.

Fig. 10. The effects of down-regulation of Pt4CL1 expression on Pt4CL1 activity and lignin accumulation in transgenic aspen. (A) Northern blot analysis of Pt4CL1 transcript levels in control (lane C) and transgenic aspen (3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 30 and 9). Each lane contained 20 µg of total RNA extracted from developing xylem and the blot was hybridized (Sambrook et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, NY (1989)) with

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Pt4CL1 cDNA. (B) Pt4CL1 enzyme activities in developing xylem tissues. Crude protein (40 µg) extracted from xylem tissue was assayed spectrophotometrically for Pt4CL1 activities with various hydroxylated cinnamic acids (Ranjeva et al., 1976). Error bars represent SD values of three replicates.

5 (C) Levels of lignin reduction in woody stem of transgenic lines as compared to the control, based on the lignin contents presented in Table 7. (D and E) Fluorescence microscopy showing transverse sections of the 20th internode from control (D) and transgenic line 6 (E). Lignin autofluorescence was visualized following UV-excitation at 365 nm.

10 Fig. 11 depicts regions of the HSQC spectra (NMR experiments were performed at 360 MHZ on a Bruker DRX-360 using a narrow bore probe with inverse coil geometry (proton coils closest to the sample) and with gradients. Experiments used were standard Bruker implementations of gradient-selected inverse (¹H-detected) HSQC (Palmer et al., J. Magn. Reson. Ser. A, 111, 70 (1991)), HSQC-TOCSY (Braunschweiler et al., J. Magn. Reson., 53, 521 (1983)), and HMQC (Ruiz-Cabello et al., J. Magn. Reson., 100, 282 (1992)) along with the standard 1D ¹³C (proton-decoupled) and ¹H NMR experiments. TOSCY experiments used a 100 ms spin lock period; HMBC used either an 80 or a 100 ms long-range coupling delay.) of isolated milled wood lignins from (A)

15 control and (B) transgenic line 6. Structure assignments (Ralph et al., 1997) reveal the existence of some major structural units in both samples that are common to angiosperm lignin. The *erythro*-($\delta_{\text{Ca}}/\delta_{\text{Ha}}$:75.4/6.05) and *threo*-($\delta_{\text{Ca}}/\delta_{\text{Ha}}$:76.6/6.08) isomers of β-aryl ethers 10 are indicated. 5-5-Homo-coupling of coniferyl alcohol 9a involved in dibenzodioxocins 13 ($\delta_{\text{Ca}}/\delta_{\text{Ha}}$:85.3/4.94)

20 (Ralph et al., 1997) was not detected in either sample. Yellow contours are from intense methoxyl signals and light green contours form xylan residues. Other components (gray contours) in both lignin samples, not relevant or not identified, are commonly seen in many other angiosperm lignin preparations.

Fig. 12 shows enhanced growth in transgenic aspen. (A) 10-Week-old plants of control and four transgenic aspen grown in a greenhouse (ruler = 25 cm). (B) Control and transgenic leaves from the 10th internodes. (C to F) SE images of stem transverse sections of control [C (bar = 50 µm) and E (bar = 10

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μm)] and transgenic line 6 [D (bar = 50 μm) and F (bar = 10 μm)]. (G) 2-week-old *ex vitro* rooted stem cuttings from control and transgenic aspen lines 5 and 6. Two cuttings from each line are shown. (H) Leaf upper epidermal cell area. Values represent the mean of at least 100 determinations per leaf. Sample SD 5 was 15 to 20% of the mean for all determinations.

Before one embodiment of the invention is explained in detail, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited in its application to the details set forth in the following description of the preferred embodiment. The invention is capable of other embodiments and of being practiced or being carried out in 10 various ways. Also, it is to be understood that the phraseology and terminology used herein is for the purpose of description and should not be regarded as limiting.

Detailed Description of the Invention

The invention pertains to genetically down regulating a lignin pathway 4-15 coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase (4CL) in a plant. Plants which have been genetically transformed to down regulate 4CL will hereafter be called transgenic plants. Such down regulation can result in faster growing plants. Such down regulation can also result in a reduction in the lignin content of the plants and/or altered lignin structure. Such down regulation can further result in increased 20 cellulose content. Such down regulation may also result in increased disease resistance. Further, by using a specific 4CL promoter, targeted tissue-specific gene expression can be achieved in either the xylem or the epidermal tissues of the plant.

A. 4CL

25 Lignin is synthesized by the oxidative coupling of three monolignols (coumaryl, coniferyl and sinapyl alcohols) formed via the phenylpropanoid pathway as shown in Fig. 1. Reactions in the phenylpropanoid pathway include the deamination of phenylalanine to cinnamic acid followed by hydroxylations, methylations and activation of substituted cinnamic acids to coenzyme A (CoA) 30 esters. The CoA esters are then reduced to form monolignols which are secreted from cells to form lignin.

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The products of the phenylpropanoid pathway are not only required for the synthesis of lignin but also required for the synthesis of a wide range of aromatic compounds including flavonoids, phytoalexins, stilbenes and suberin.

In the phenylpropanoid pathway, 4CL activates a number of cinnamic acid derivatives, including 4-coumaric acid, caffeic acid, ferulic acid, 5-hydroxyferulic acid and sinapic acid. The resulting products, CoA esters, serve as substrates for entry into various branch pathways, such as lignin, flavonoids, phytoalexins, stilbenes and suberin. The esterification reactions catalyzed by 4CL require high energy and the reactions are not likely to occur without 4CL.

10 4CL is important in making a continuous flow of the lignin biosynthesis pathway. 4CL is also important because it is located at the branching points of the phenylpropanoid metabolism. 4CL is suggested to play a pivotal role in regulating carbon flow into specific branch pathways of the phenylpropanoid metabolism in response to stages of development and environmental stress.

15 The basic properties of 4CL are quite uniform. 4CL depends on ATP as a cosubstrate and requires Mg²⁺ as a cofactor. The optimal pH for 4CL ranges from pH 7.0 to 8.5 and the molecular weight of 4CL isoforms from various plant species ranges from 40 kD to 75 kD. Most 4CLs have high affinity for substituted cinnamic acids. 4CL has the highest activity with 4-coumaric acid.

20 4CL cDNA sequences have been reported for parsley, potato, soybean, rice, loblolly pine, *Arabidopsis*, *Lithosperum*, *Vanilla* and tobacco. 4CL genes have been isolated and sequenced for parsley, rice, potato and loblolly pine. The analysis of 4CL cDNAs and genes indicates that 4CL is encoded by multiple/divergent genes in rice, soybean, and *Lithosperum*, very similar genes in parsley, potato, tobacco, and loblolly pine, and a single gene in *Arabidopsis*. Two similar 4CL cDNAs in parsley, potato and tobacco have been shown to be expressed at similar level in response to environmental stress and during different developmental stages. Two distinct 4CL cDNAs in soybean and *Lithosperum* have shown different expression levels when pathogens or chemicals were applied to the cell cultures. It appears that the expression of the 4CL genes is developmentally regulated and inducible by many environmental

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stresses at the transcription level. 4CL promoters have been isolated and sequenced for parsley, rice and potato.

Alignment of deduced amino acid sequences of cloned plant 4CL sequences reveals two highly conserved regions. The first conserved region 5 (LPYSSGTTGLPK; SEQ ID NO:7), proposed to designate a putative AMP-binding region, consists of a serine/theronine/glycine-rich domain followed by a proline/lysine glycine triplet. The second conserved region (GEICIRG; SEQ ID NO:8) contains one common Cys residue. The amino acid sequences of 4CL from plants contain a total of five conserved Cys residues.

10 The description of the invention hereafter refers to the tree species aspen, and in particular quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides* Michx), when necessary for the sake of example. However, it should be noted that the invention is not limited to genetic transformation of trees such as aspen. The method of the present invention is capable of being practiced for other plant species, including 15 for example, other angiosperm, and other gymnosperm forest plants species, legumes, grasses, other forage crops and the like.

Preferably, the 4CL down regulation is accomplished through transformation with a homologous 4CL sequence in an antisense orientation. However, it should be noted that a heterologous antisense 4CL sequence could 20 be utilized and incorporated into a plant species to down regulate 4CL if the heterologous 4CL gene sequence has a high nucleotide sequence homology or identity of at least about 70%, more preferably at least about 80%, and more preferably at least about 90%, to the endogenous (native) 4CL gene sequence of that plant species, e.g., a tree species.

25 In addition, plants transformed with a sense 4CL sequence may also cause a sequence homology-based cosuppression of the expression of the transgene and endogenous 4CL gene, thereby achieving down regulation of 4CL in these plants.

B. Isolation of 4CL cDNAs

30 The present invention utilizes a homologous 4CL sequence to genetically alter plants. The example described below utilizes a cDNA clone of the quaking aspen 4CL gene to genetically alter quaking aspen.

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Two 4CL cDNAs, Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2, have been isolated from quaking aspen. Pt4CL1 cDNA is lignin pathway-specific and is different from Pt4CL2 cDNA, which is involved in flavonoid synthesis. It should be noted that the methods described below are set forth as an example and should not be considered limiting. The sequences of these 4CL cDNA clones are available from Genbank, Accession Nos. AF041049 and AF041050.

Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 genomic clones including their 5' -end regulatory promoter sequences were also isolated. The promotor of Pt4CL 1 (Pt4CL1p) directs xylem tissue-specific gene expression in a plant, whereas the promoter of Pt4CL2 (Pt4CL2p) drives the expression of genes specifically in epidermal tissues of stem and leaf of a plant. These tissue specific promoters will be discussed in more length below.

Young leaves and shoot tips are collected from greenhouse-grown quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides* Michx). Differentiating xylem is collected from three to four year old quaking aspen. The bark is peeled from the tree exposing the developing secondary xylem on the woody stem. Developing secondary xylem is scraped from the stem and bark with a razor blade and immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen until use.

Total RNA is isolated from the young leaves, shoot tips, and xylem following the method of Bugos et al., *Biotechniques* 19(5):734-737 (1995). Poly(A)⁺ RNA is purified from total RNA using Poly(A)⁺ mRNA Isolation Kit from Tel-test B, Inc. A unidirectional Lambda gt22 expression cDNA library was constructed from the xylem mRNA using Superscript λ System from Life Technologies, Inc. and Gigapack Packaging Extracts from Stratagene. The Pt4CL1 cDNA was obtained by screening the cDNA library with a ³²P-labeled parsley 4CL cDNA probe. The parsley 4CL cDNA (pc4CL2) has Genbank Accession No. X13325.

The Pt4CL2 cDNA was obtained by RT-PCR. The reverse transcription of total RNA isolated form shoot tips was carried out using the Superscript II reverse transcriptase from Life Technologies. Two sense primers (R1S, 5'-TTGGATCCGGIACIACIGGIYTICCIAARGG-3'; SEQ ID NO:9 and H1S, 5'-TTGGATCCGTIGCICARCARGTIGAYGG-3'; SEQ ID NO:10) were designed

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around the first consensus AMP-binding region of 4CL that was previously discussed. One antisense primer (R2A, 5'-ATGTCGACCICKDATRCADATYTCICC-3'; SEQ ID NO:11) was designed based on the sequence of the putative catalytic motif GEICIRG (SEQ ID NO:12).

5 One fifth of the reverse transcription reaction (4 µl) is used as the template in a 50 µl PCR reaction containing 1X reaction buffer, 200 µM each deoxyribonucleotide triphosphate, 2 µM each R1S and oligo-dT (20 mer) primers, and 2.5 units of *Taq* DNA polymerase. The PCR reaction mixture was denatured at 94°C for 5 minutes followed by 30 cycles of 94°C/45 seconds,

10 50°C/1 minute, 72°C/90 seconds and is ended with a 5 minute extension at 72°C. 2 µl of the PCR amplification products were used for a second run PCR re-amplification using primers H1S and R2A. A 0.6 kb PCR fragment was cloned using the TA Cloning Kit from Invitrogen and used as a probe to screen an aspen genomic library to obtain the Pt4CL2 genomic clone. Two primers

15 (2A, 5'-TCTGTCTAGATGATGTCGTGGCCACGG-3'; SEQ ID NO:13 and 2B, 5'-TTAGATCTCTAGGACATGGTGGTGGC-3'; SEQ ID NO:14) were designed based on the genomic sequence of Pt4CL2 around the deduced transcription start site and the stop codon. These primers were used to clone Pt4CL2 cDNA by RT-PCR, as described above using total RNA isolated from

20 shoot tips.

The DNA sequences of Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 cDNA were determined using Δ *Taq* Cycle Sequencing kit from Amersham.

The Pt4CL1 cDNA has an open reading frame of 1605 bp which encodes a polypeptide of 535 amino acid residues with a predicted molecular weight of 25 58.498 kd and pI of 5.9. The nucleotide sequence of the aspen 4CL cDNA clone Pt4CL1 is set forth as SEQ ID NO:1. The deduced amino acid sequence for the aspen 4CL1 protein is set forth as SEQ ID NO:2.

The Pt4CL2 cDNA has an open reading frame of 1710 bp which encodes a polypeptide of 570 amino acid residues with a predicted molecular weight of 30 61.8 kd and pI of 5.1. The nucleotide sequence of the aspen 4CL cDNA clone Pt4CL2 is set forth as SEQ ID NO:3. The deduced amino acid sequence for the aspen 4CL2 protein is set forth as SEQ ID NO:4.

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The aspen Pt4CL1 cDNA shares a 55-69% identity at the nucleotide level and 57-76% identity at the amino acid level with previously reported 4CL cDNAs and genes, whereas the Pt4CL2 cDNA shares a 60-71% identity at the nucleotide level and 58-73% at the amino acid level with other 4CL cDNAs and 5 genes as set forth in the following table.

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Table 1: Comparison of Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequences to each other and other full length 4CL sequences.

Gene	Comparison with Pt4CL1 (%)			Comparison with Pt4CL2 (%)		
	DNA Identity	Protein Identity	Protein Similarity	DNA Identity	Protein Identity	Protein Similarity
Pt4CL1				61.3	63.4	72.7
Pt4CL2	61.3	63.4	72.7			
Le4CL1	64.5	70.7	78.1	61.8	64.6	73.4
Le4CL2	60.1	57.3	67.7	71.1	73	77.5
Nt4CL1	66	74.8	83.1	61.5	65.3	74.4
Nt4CL2	64.1	75	82.9	62.1	66.8	76
Os4CL1	59.2*	59.8	70.2	59.6*	57.7	69.5
Os4CL2	54.9	57.7	67.3	63.9	66.5	73.8
Pc4CL1	65.1	71.2	79.6	62	64.3	73.5
Pc4CL2	65	71.4	79.6	62.9	64.5	73.5
Pd4CL1	66.6	73.7	82.2	64.5	66.6	75.8
Pd4CL2	67	74.2	81	63.4	64.7	73.3
At4CL	63.7	69.9	78.7	62.4	61.1	70.2
Lp4CL	60.1	64	73.9	62.3	67.9	77.8
S14CL1	69.1*	74	81.4	62.2*	65.3	74.5
Vp4CL	65.2	75.5	81.6	61.5	66.5	74.1

Pt4CL1 and Pt4CLW: aspen 4CL

Le4CL1 and Le4CL2: lithospermum erythrorhizon 4CL

Nt4CL1 and Nt4CL2: tobacco 4CL

OS4CL1 and Os4CL2: rice 4CL (*.DNA sequence compared to Os4CL1 coding region only)

PC4CL1 and PC4CL2: Parsley 4CL

Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2: hybrid poplar 4CL

At4CL: Arabidopsis 4CL

Lp4CL: lobolly pine 4CL

St4CL: potato 4CL (*.DNA sequence compared to coding region only)

Vp4CL: vanilla 4CL

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In a study to characterize lignification in aspen stems, it was observed that the lignin composition in the top four internodes (referred to as top internodes hereafter) was different from that in the fifth and subsequent internodes, suggesting the involvement of developmentally regulated differential expression of lignin pathway genes during the transition from primary to secondary growth in aspen stem. To investigate whether this transition regulates differential expression of 4CL gene members, 4CL genes were cloned from top and lower (6th-10th) internodes and secondary-developing xylem tissue of aspen stems. Nucleotide sequence analysis revealed that clones derived from lower internodes were identical to Pt4CL1, whereas clones isolated from top internodes could be divided into two groups (T1 and T2). Clones in Group T1 were found identical to Pt4CL1. Clones in group T2 shared 60-75% sequence homology with other plant 4CL genes but were distinct from Pt4CL1 cDNA and designated as Pt4CL2-600. These results together with Northern hybridization analysis suggested that Pt4CL2-600 represents a fragment of another aspen 4CL gene expressed in top internodes.

The results of sequence analysis, phylogenetic tree and genomic Southern blot analysis indicate that Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 cDNAs encode two distinct 4CLs that belong to two divergent gene families in aspen. The deduced amino acid sequence for the Pt4CL2 protein contains a longer N-terminal sequence than the Pt4CL1 protein but shows profound similarity in the central and C-terminal portions of protein to the Pt4CL1 protein.

Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 cDNAs display distinct tissue-specific expression patterns. The Pt4CL1 sequence is expressed highly in the secondary developing xylem and in the 6th to 10th internodes whereas the Pt4CL2 sequence is expressed in the shoot tip and leaves. These tissue-specific expression patterns were further investigated by fusing promoters of Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 genes to a GUS reporter gene. The tissue specific promoters for Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 are discussed in more length below.

The substrate specificity of Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 is also different from each other as determined using recombinant proteins produced in *E. coli*.

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Pt4CL1 utilized 4-coumaric acid, caffeic acid, ferulic acid and 5-hydroxyferulic acid as substrates. Pt4CL2 showed activity for 4-coumaric acid, caffeic acid and ferulic acid but not to 5-hydroxyferulic acid.

Specifically, Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 were used to construct expression vectors for *E. coli* expression. The substrate specificity of Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 was tested using fusion proteins produced in *E. coli*. Two plasmids, pQE/4CL1 and pQE/4CL2, were constructed in which the coding regions of Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2, respectively, were fused to N-terminal His tags in expression plasmids pQE-31 and pQE-32 (QIAGEN, Chatsworth, CA). The recombinant proteins of Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 produced by *E. coli* were approximately 60 kD and 63 kD, respectively.

The two recombinant proteins were tested for their activity in utilizing cinnamic acid derivatives. Pt4CL1 recombinant protein showed 100, 51, 72, 19 and 0% relative activity to 4-coumaric acid, caffeic acid, ferulic acid, 5-hydroxyferulic acid and sinapic acid, respectively. Pt4CL2 recombinant protein exhibited 100, 31, 26, 0 and 0% relative activity to 4-coumaric acid, caffeic acid, ferulic acid, 5-hydroxyferulic acid and sinapic acid, respectively. Neither recombinant protein showed detectable activity to sinapic acid.

The results of the tissue-specific expression pattern and substrate specificity suggests that in addition to the general function of 4CL, Pt4CL1 apparently is more related to lignin synthesis in the xylem tissue and Pt4CL2 apparently is more likely involved in flavonoid synthesis and UV protection.

It should be noted that the isolation and characterization of the Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 cDNA clones is described in Kawaoka et al., Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Biotechnology in the Pulp and Paper Industry, Vienna, Austria (1995); and in Hu, Wen-Jing, Isolation and Characterization of 4-coumarate: Coenzyme A Ligase cDNAs and Genes from Quaking Aspen (*Populus tremuloides* Michx), Ph.D. Dissertation, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan (1997); and Tsai et al., Plant Physiol., 117, 101 (1998).

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C. Transformation and Regeneration

Several methods for gene transformation of plant species with the 4CL sequence are available such as the use of *Agrobacterium*, electroporation, particle bombardment with a gene gun or microinjection.

5 Preferably, a 4CL cDNA clone is positioned in a binary expression vector in an antisense orientation under the control of double cauliflower mosaic virus 35S promoter. The vector is then preferably mobilized into a strain of *Agrobacterium* species such as *tumefaciens* strain C58/pMP90 and is used as the DNA delivery system due to its efficiency and low cost.

10 For example, with reference to Fig. 2, the binary expression pA4CL1 used for plant transformations is shown. Specifically, the Pt4CL1 cDNA is inserted in an antisense orientation into *Pac* I and *Bam*H I sites between the double CaMV 35S/AMV RNA4 and the 3' terminator sequence of the nopaline synthase gene in a binary cloning vector pA4CL1 (Fig. 2). The binary vector
15 containing hygromycin phosphotransferase (*HPT*) gene is modified from pBin 19. The gene construct pA4CL1 is available from Michigan Technological University, Institute of Wood Research, Houghton, Michigan.

The binary vector construct is mobilized into *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* using the freeze-thaw method of Holsters et al., Mol. Gen. Genet. 163: 181-187
20 (1978). For the freeze-thaw method, 1.5 ml of overnight cultures *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* strain C58/pMP90 is pelleted at 5000 x g for 3 minutes at 4°C and suspended in 1 ml of ice cold 20 mM CaCl₂. To the suspension is added 10 µl binary vector DNA (from an alkaline lysis minipreparation) and mixed by pipetting. The microcentrifuge tube is then frozen in liquid nitrogen for 5
25 minutes and thawed at 37°C for 5 minutes. After being cooled on ice, 1 ml of LB is added and the mixture is incubated at 28°C for 2 hours with gentle shaking. 200 µl of the cells is spread onto LB plates containing gentamycin and kanamycin and incubated at 28°C for 2 days. Colonies grown on the selection plates are randomly picked or miniprep and restriction enzyme digestion analysis
30 is used to verify the integration.

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The resulting binary vector containing *Agrobacterium* strain is used to transform quaking aspen according to Tsai et al., Plant Cell Rep. 14: 94-97 as set forth below.

Explants of young leaves from cuttings of aspen are obtained by cutting 5 leaf disks of approximately 7 mm square from the young leaves along the midrib of the leaves. The explants are surface sterilized in 20% commercial bleach for 10 minutes followed by rinsing 3 times with sterile distilled, deionized water.

All of the culture media used includes the basal medium of woody plant medium (WPM) as described in Lloyd et al., Proc. Int. Plant Prop. Soc. 30: 421-10 437 (1980) and supplemented with 2% sucrose. 650 mg/L calcium gluconate and 500 mg/L MES are added as pH buffers as described in Tsai et al., Plant Cell Reports, 1994. All culture media is adjusted to pH 5.5 prior to the addition of 0.75% Difco Bacto Agar and then autoclaved at 121°C and 15 psi for 20 minutes. Filter sterilized antibiotics are added to all culture media after 15 autoclaving. All culture media are maintained at 23 ± 1°C in a growth chamber with 16 hour photoperiods ($160 \mu\text{E} \times \text{m}^{-2} \times \text{S}^{-1}$) except for callus induction (as will be described later) which is maintained in the dark.

The sterilized explants are then inoculated with the mobilized vector with an overnight-grown agrobacterial suspension containing 20 µM acetosyringone. 20 After cocultivation for 2 days, the explants are washed in 1 mg/ml claforan and ticarcillin for 2 hours with shaking to kill *Agrobacterium*. The explants are blotted dry with sterile Whatman No. 1 filter paper and transferred onto callus induction medium containing 50 mg/L kanamycin and 300 mg/L claforan to induce and select transformed callus. The callus induction medium is the basal 25 medium with the addition of 6-benzyladenine (BA) and 2, 4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2, 4-D) at concentrations of 0.5 mg/L and 1 mg/L, respectively, to induce callus.

The kanamycin-resistant explants are then subcultured on fresh callus induction media every two weeks. Callus formation occurs after approximately 30 four weeks. Formed calli are separated from the explant and subcultured periodically for further proliferation.

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When the callus clumps reach approximately 3 mm in diameter, the callus clumps are transferred to shoot regeneration medium. The shoot regeneration medium is the basal medium containing 50 mg/L kanamycin, 0.5 mg/L thidiazuron (TDZ) as a plant growth regulator and claforan at 300 mg/L to kill *Agrobacterium*. Shoots were regenerated about 4 weeks after callus is transferred to regeneration medium.

As soon as the shoots are regenerated, they are immediately transferred to hormone-free elongation medium containing 50 mg/L kanamycin and, whenever necessary, claforan (300 mg/L), to promote elongation. Green and healthy shoots elongated to 2-3 cm in length are excised and planted separately in a hormone-free rooting medium containing 50 mg/L kanamycin. The efficient uptake of kanamycin by shoots during their rooting stage provides the most effective selection for positive transformants. Transgenic plants are then transplanted into soil medium of vermiculite:peatmoss:perlite at 1:1:1 and grown in the greenhouse.

The above described transformation and regeneration protocol is readily adaptable to other plant species. Other published transformation and regeneration protocols for plant species include Danekar et al., Bio/Technology 5:587-590 (1987); McGranahan et al., Bio/Technology 6:800-804 (1988); McGranahan et al., Plant Cell Reports 8:512-616 (1990); Chen, Ph.D. Thesis, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina (1991); Sullivan et al., Plant Cell Reports 12:303-306 (1993); Huang et al., In Vitro Cell Dev. Bio. 4:201-207 (1991); Wilde et al., Plant Physiol. 98:114-120 (1992); Minocha et al., 1986 Proc. TAPPI Research and Development Conference, TAPPI Press, Atlanta, pp. 89-91 (1986); Parsons et al., Bio/Technology 4:533-536 (1986); Fillatti et al., Mol. Gen. Genet. 206:192-199 (1987); Pythoud et al., Bio/Technology 5:1323-1327 (1987); De Block, Plant Physiol. 93:1110-1116 (1990); Brasileiro et al., Plant Mol. Bio 17:441-452 (1991); Brasileiro et al., Transgenic Res. 1:133-141 (1992); Howe et al., Woody Plant Biotech., Plenum Press, New York, pp. 283-294 (1991); Klopfenstein et al., Can. J. For. Res. 21:1321-1328 (1991); Leppla et al., Plant Cell Reports 11:137-141 (1992); and Nilsson et al., Transgenic Res. 1:209-220 (1992).

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D. Phenotype Changes

The results of the transformation can be confirmed with conventional PCR and Southern analysis. Transferring 4CL cDNA in an antisense orientation down regulates 4CL in the plant. Expression of the 4CL has been found to be 5 blocked up to 96 percent of 4CL enzyme activity in some transgenic plants.

In the aspen example, after acclimation, the transgenic aspen displayed an unusual phenotype, including big curly leaves, thick stem diameter, longer internodes, more young leaves in the shoot tip and a red pigmentation in the petioles extending into midvein leaves. Red coloration of the developing 10 secondary xylem tissues is observed after peeling of the bark in the transgenic plants.

E. Accelerated Growth

Down regulation of 4CL altered growth of the transgenic plants. For example, transformation with an antisense 4CL sequence accelerated the growth 15 of the plant. Enhanced growth is markedly noticeable at all ages. In particular the transgenic trees showed enhanced growth in the form of thicker stems and enlarged leaves as compared to control plants. These characteristics are retained in the vegetative propagules of these transgenic trees. Table 2 sets forth exemplary data with respect to several lines of transgenic quaking aspen grown 20 in the greenhouse after eight months. Volume represents the overall quantitative growth of the plant.

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Table 2: Growth Measurement for Control and Transgenic Plants

Plant #	Height (cm)	Diameter (cm)*	Volume (cm ³)*	Average Length of Internode (cm)
Control 1	247.7	1.08	75.6	2.6
Control 2	250.2	1.01	66.8	2.8
11-1	304.8	1.15	105.5	3.1
11-2	248.9	1.01	66.4	3.4
11-3	241.3	0.84	44.6	3.2
11-4	288.3	0.94	66.7	3.4
11-5	246.4	0.92	54.6	3.3
11-7	226.7	1.13	75.7	3.4
11-8	289.6	1.16	102.0	3.3
11-9	287.0	1.76	232.6	4.3
11-10	252.7	0.83	45.6	3.1
11-11	247.7	0.86	48.0	3.5
12-1	247.7	1.1	78.4	2.7
12-2	199.4	0.96	48.1	2.5
12-6	294.6	0.92	65.2	3.2
16-1	227.3	0.95	53.7	2.8
16-2	278.1	0.97	68.5	3.4
16-3	265.4	1.09	82.5	3.5
17-2	243.8	0.89	50.5	2.6

* at 10 cm above ground

The averages for height, diameter, volume and average length between internodes for the control plants are as follows:

Height (cm)	248.95
Diameter (cm)	1.045
Volume (cm ³)	71.2
Ave. Length of Internodes (cm)	2.7

With respect to height alone, for those transgenic plants (11-1, 11-4, 11-8, 11-9, 12-6, 16-2, 16-3) having a statistically larger height than the control plants, the average height was 286.83 cm as compared to the control plant average height of 248.95 cm.

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With respect to diameter alone, for those transgenic plants (11-1, 11-7, 11-8, 11-9) having a statistically larger diameter than the control plants, the average diameter was 1.30 cm as compared to the control plant average diameter of 1.045 cm.

5 With respect to volume alone, for those transgenic plants (11-1, 11-8, 11-9, 12-1, 16-3) having a statistically larger volume than the control plants, the average volume was 120.2 cm³ as compared to the control plant average volume of 71.2 cm³.

With respect to average length of internodes alone, for those transgenic
10 plants (11-1, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-7, 11-8, 11-9, 11-10, 12-6, 16-2, 16-3) having a statistically larger average length of internodes than the control plants, the average length of internodes was 3.39 cm as compared to the control plant average length of 2.7 cm.

As demonstrated in Table 2, while there are variations in growth among
15 the transgenic plants, the average length of the internodes for the transgenic plants is consistently and significantly higher than that of the control plants. Moreover, there is also faster root initiation, and alterations, e.g., an increase, in root fresh weight and length, i.e., enhanced root growth. Variations in the growth of the transgenic plants is normal and to be expected. Preferably, a
20 transgenic plant with a particular growth rate is selected and this plant is vegetatively propagated to produce an unlimited number of clones that all exhibit the identical growth rate.

F. Lignin

Down regulation of lignin pathway 4CL results in production of plants
25 with reduced lignin content.

The following table shows the reduction of lignin content and 4CL enzyme activity in several transgenic aspen which were transformed with a homologous antisense 4CL sequence.

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Table 3: Characterization of Transgenic Aspen Plants Harboring Antisense 4CL Sequence

Transgenic Plant #	Lignin Content % Based on Wood Weight	% Lignin Reduction	%4CL Enzyme Activity*	% 4CL Enzyme Activity Reduction
Control	21.4	0.0	868	0
11-1	20.5	4.2	1171	-25
11-2	19.2	10.3	515	45
11-3	20.9	2.3	922	6
11-4	19.7	7.9	1032	-19
11-5	19.7	7.9	691	20
11-7	19.9	7.0	578	38
11-8	20.2	5.6	694	20
11-9	20.4	4.7	806	14
11-10	19.4	9.3	455	51
11-11	20.4	4.7	726	22
12-1	12.8	40.2	49	95
12-2	12.6	41.1	62	93
12-3	11.9	44.4	61	94
12-6	19.8	7.5	786	16
16-1	12.8	40.2	35	96
16-2	20.6	3.7	780	17
16-3	21.0	1.9	795	15
17-1	20.5	4.2	855	9
17-2	21.4	0.0	925	1

*activity is expressed as pkat/(mg protein) using 4-coumaric acid as the substrate

Lignin content was determined according to Chiang and Funaoka (1990) Holzforschung 44:147-155. 4CL enzyme activity was determined according to 30 Ranjeva et al. (1976), Biochimie 58:1255-1262.

The data in Table 3 demonstrates a correlation between down regulation of 4CL and reduction in lignin content. Transgenic plants with reduced lignin content have an altered phenotype in that the stem is more elastic to the touch or less curly.

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It should also be noted that for those transgenic plants (12-1, 12-2, 12-3 and 16-1) with the approximately 40% reduction in lignin content and the corresponding approximately 95% reduction in 4CL enzyme levels, all of those transgenic plants had a consistent deep red coloration in the wood of the plant.

- 5 Accordingly, the deep red color can be used as an identifier of reduced lignin content.

Down regulation of lignin pathway 4CL can also result in production of plants with an altered lignin structure. Based upon thioacidolysis (Rolando et al. (1992) Thioacidolysis, Methods in Lignin Chemistry, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 10 pp. 334-349) of plants 12-3 and 16-1, coniferyl alcohol and sinapyl alcohol lignin units are significantly reduced in these two plants as compared to the control tree, as shown in the following table.

Table 4: Altered Lignin Structure

Plant #	Coniferyl Alcohol Units *	Sinapyl Alcohol Units*
Control	733	1700
12-3	283	592
16-1	247	445

*micro-mole/g of lignin

- 20 The alteration of the frequency of the structural units in lignin of these transgenic plants is evidence that the overall structure of lignin in these plants has been genetically altered.

G. Cellulose Content

Down regulation of lignin pathway 4CL can result in increased cellulose content of the transgenic plants. Analysis of control and transgenic aspen for carbohydrate content demonstrate a higher cellulose content in the transgenic plants than the control plants. Particularly, the transgenic plants that have over 40% lignin reduction have about 10-15% higher cellulose content than the control. Data is set forth in the following tables for trees that were transformed 25 with homologous 4CL in an antisense orientation:

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Table 5: Analysis of Carbohydrate Components in Transgenic and Control Aspen

Plant #	Glucan	Arabinan	Galactan	Rhamnan	Xylan	Mannan
Control	44.23%	0.47%	0.79%	0.37%	17.19%	1.91%
	49.05%	0.36%	1.05%	0.38%	15.34%	2.04%
	45.95%	0.40%	0.80%	0.37%	17.12%	1.83%
	47.49%	0.43%	0.99%	0.40%	16.24%	2.35%
	50.83%	0.55%	1.24%	0.48%	17.25%	1.77%
	48.14%	0.56%	1.07%	0.48%	19.14%	1.58%
16-1	46.55%	0.34%	0.82%	0.37%	16.75%	2.31%

Table 6: Comparison of Lignin and Cellulose (glucan) Contents in Transgenic and Control Aspen

Plant #	Lignin		Cellulose	
	Content % on Wood	% Reduction	Content % on Wood	% Increase
Control	21.4	0	44.23	0
	19.2	10.3	49.05	10.9
	20.4	4.7	45.95	3.9
	19.4	9.3	47.49	7.4
	11.9	44.5	50.83	14.9
	12.8	40.2	48.14	8.8
	20.6	3.7	46.55	5.2
	18.6	13.1	45.98	3.8
	12.5	40.2	48.35	9.3
	12.6	41.1	49.74	12.5
12-5	14.4	32.7	45.58	3.1

The procedure for carbohydrate analysis utilized is as follows. About 100 mg of milled woody tissue powder with sizes that pass a 80-mesh screen was hydrolyzed with 1 mL of 72% (W/W) H₂SO₄ for 1 hr at 30°C. Samples were then diluted to 4% (W/W) H₂SO₄ with distilled water, fucose was added as

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an internal standard, and a secondary hydrolysis was performed for 1 hr at 121°C. After secondary hydrolysis, the sugar contents of the hydrolysates are determined by anion exchange high performance liquid chromatography using pulsed amperometric detection. Sugar contents are expressed as % of the weight 5 of the woody tissue used. The above procedures are similar to those in a publication by Pettersen and Schwandt, J. Wood Chem & Technol. 11:495-501 (1991).

H. Increased Disease Resistance

Down regulation of lignin pathway 4CL can result in altered levels of 10 phenylpropanoids or secondary metabolites that display antimicrobial activity. Thus, transgenic plants with down-regulated 4CL can result in enhanced disease resistance, and in particular, with increased fungal pathogen resistance. In particular, greenhouse transgenic aspen plants may show a disease resistance to fungi such as those which induce leaf-blight disease.

I. Promoters

Two distinct genes encoding 4CL and their promoters were cloned. The promoter of Pt4CL1 can drive gene expression specifically in xylem tissue and the promoter for Pt4CL2 confers gene expression exclusively in the epidermal tissues. These promoters can be used to manipulate gene expression to engineer 20 traits of interest in specific tissues of target plants. The significance of the promoters is the application of the xylem-specific promoter to direct the expression of any relevant genes specifically in the xylem for engineering lignin content, lignin structure, enhanced growth, cellulose content, other value-added wood qualities, and the like. The importance of the epidermis-specific promoter 25 is its ability to drive the expression of any relevant genes specifically in epidermal tissues for engineering disease-, UV light-, cold-, heat-, drought-, and other stress resistance traits in plants.

Specifically, the promoters of the Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 were isolated as follows. An aspen genomic library was screened with Pt4CL1 cDNA and 30 Pt4CL2 partial cDNA fragment to isolate genomic clones of Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2. Eleven and seven positive genomic clones were identified for Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 gene, respectively. Among 11 positive clones for Pt4CL1,

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Pt4CL1g-4 contained a full length coding sequence and at least 2 kb of 5' flanking regions. The restriction map of Pt4CL1g-4 is set forth at Fig. 3.

With respect to Pt4CL2, restriction map analysis was performed on λDNA of positive genomic clone Pt4CL2g-11 which contains a full length 5 coding sequence and about 1.2 kb of 5' flanking region. The restriction map of Pt4CL2g-11 is set forth at Fig. 4.

Approximately a 2.3 kb 5' flanking region of Pt4CL1 was digested from Pt4CL1g-4 using *Xba* I and *Sac* I sites and cloned into pGEM7Z *Xba* I and *Sac* I sites. The subcloned Pt4CL1 promoter was named p7Z-4XS and the restriction 10 map of P7Z-4XS is set forth at Fig 5. The 5' unilateral deletion of p7Z-4XS was generated for DNA sequencing by exonuclease III/S1 nuclease digestion using Erase-a-Base System (Promega, Madison, WI). The deletion series was sequenced using a primer on pGEM7Z vector.

A 1.5 kb *Hind* III and *EcoR* I fragment containing a 1.2 kb 5' flanking 15 region of Pt4CL2 and 0.3 kb coding region of Pt4CL2g-11 was subcloned in pBluescript II SK+ *Hind* III and *EcoR* I sites. The restriction map of the resulting clone, pSK-11HE, was determined by digesting the plasmid with several restriction enzymes, as in set forth at Fig. 6. In order to determine the sequence of the Pt4CL2 promoter, pSK-11HE was further digested into small 20 fragments according to the restriction map and subcloned into vectors with suitable cloning sites. The DNA sequence was determined using M13 universal primer and reverse primer on the vector.

The DNA sequences of the two promoters was determined and analyzed using ΔTaq cycle sequencing Kit (USB, Cleveland, OH), and GENETYX-MAC 25 7.3 sequence analysis software from Software Development Co., Ltd. The nucleotide sequence of promoter region of Pt4CL1 is set forth as SEQ ID NO:5 and the nucleotide sequence of the promoter region of Pt4CL2 is set forth as SEQ ID NO:6. The sequence of the promoter regions of Pt4CL1p and Pt4CL2p is available from Genbank, Accession Nos. AF041051 and AF041052, 30 respectively.

The insignificant sequence similarity between the 5'- and 3'-noncoding regions of these two genes and their distinct exon-intron organizations (four

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introns in Pt4CL1 and five in Pt4CL2) further substantiate their functional and perhaps evolutionary divergency. Striking differences also were observed in the promoter sequences of these two genes. Three cis-acting elements, box P (CCTTTCACCAACCCCC; SEQ ID NO:15), box A (CCGTTTC; SEQ ID NO:16), and box L (TCTCACCAACC; SEQ ID NO:17), previously shown to be consensus in all known plant phenylalanine ammonialyase (PAL) and 4CL gene promoters (Hahlbrook et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 92, 4150 (1995); Logemann et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 92, 5905 (1995)), were identified within the 1kb 5' flanking sequence of Pt4CL1 (GenBank Accession No. AF041051). However, none of these boxes could be found within the analyzed 1.2 kb 5' flanking region of Pt4CL2 (GenBank Accession No. AF041052), suggesting that promoter differences between Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 genes could be responsible for the strikingly different patterns of tissue-specific expression of these genes, as observed in Northern analysis.

Tissue-specific expression can be achieved by fusing the promoters of Pt4CL1 or Pt4CL2 to a gene, e.g., an open reading frame of interest and transferred to a plant species via Agrobacterium. For the sake of example, the promoters of Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 were fused to a GUS reporter gene as detailed below. However, it should be noted that genes other than the GUS reporter gene can be fused to these promoters for tissue specific expression.

In order to construct Pt4CL1 promoter-GUS binary vector, a 1 kb fragment covering 5'-flanking region and 17 bp coding region of Pt4CL1 was subcloned into pGEM7Z *Sph* I and *Eco*R I sites for constructing promoter-GUS binary vector. In this 1 kb DNA fragment, it is found that one *Xho* I site is located at 486 bases upstream to the translation start site and the *Eco*R I site is located at 17 bases downstream the translation start site. This 0.6 kb fragment was subcloned into pGEM7Z *Xho* I and *Eco*R I sites and used as a template in PCR amplification.

In order to construct a promoter-GUS transcriptional fusion, a *Bam*H I site was introduced in front of the translation start site of Pt4CL1 by PCR. PCR amplification was performed using p7Z-4XE as the template, M13 universal primer on pGEM7Z vector as 5' end primer and Pt4CL1p-1 primer containing a

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BamH I site at the end is complementary to a sequence upstream of the translation start site. The reaction was carried out in 100 µl reaction mix containing 1x *pfu* reaction buffer, 200 µl each dNTPs, 100 µM each primer and 5 units of *pflu*. The PCR reaction mixture was denatured at 94°C for 5 minutes 5 followed by 30 cycles of 94°C (1 minute), 55°C (1 minute), 72°C (1 minute, 30 seconds) and was ended with a 5 minute extension at 72°C.

The amplified 0.6 kb fragment was cloned and sequenced to confirm the sequence. The engineered 0.6 kb fragment was ligated to p7Z-4SE which was digested with *Xho I* and *BamH I*. In order to incorporate a *Hind III* site in the 5' 10 end of Pt4CL1 promoter, the 1 kb *Sph I-BamH I PtCCL1* promoter region was cloned into pNoTA (5 prime → 3 prime Inc., Boulder, CO) *Sph I* and *BamH I* site. The 1 kb Pt4CL1 promoter was then released from pNoTA vector with *Hind III* and *BamH* digestion and subsequently transcriptionally fused to pBI101 15 *Hind III* and *BamH I* sites in front of GUS. The resulting binary vector was named Pt4CL1p-GUS and is set forth at Fig. 7.

In order to construct Pt4CL2 promoter-GUS binary vector, pSK-11HE was digested with *Sph I* and *EcoR I* to release 0.2 kb *Sph I* and *EcoR I* fragment. The 0.2 kb fragment was cloned into pGEM7Z *Sph I* and *EcoR I* sites. A primer, Pt4CL2p-3' (5'-CATCGGATCCTGAGATGGAAGGGAGTTCT-3'; SEQ ID 20 NO:15) was designed to be complementary to a sequence upstream of the translation start site of Pt4CL2 and to incorporate *BamH I* site at the end. Amplification was performed using p7Z11SE as a template, M13 universal primer as the 5' end primer and Pt4CL2p-3 as the 3' end primer. A PCR reaction was carried out and the amplified PCR product was cloned and 25 sequenced to check the fidelity of the PCR amplification. The 0.2 kb *Sph I-BamH I* DNA fragment with correct sequence was fused to pSK-11HE linearized with *Sph I* and *BamH I*. The resulting plasmid was named pSK-11HB. The promoter of PtCCL2 was then excised from pSK-11HB with *Hind III* and *BamH I* and ligated to PBI101 and *Hind III* and *BamH I* site to make Pt4CL2p-GUS 30 transcriptional fusion binary vector as shown in Fig. 8.

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The Pt4CL1p-GUS and Pt4CL2p-GUS constructs were then mobilized into *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* strain C58/pMP90 by freeze and thaw method as explained previously.

Leaf disk transformation of tobacco with these two *Agrobacterium* constructs is conducted according to the method of Horsch R.B. (1988) Leaf Disk Transformation, Plant Molecular Biology Manual, A5:1-9.

To further investigate the regulation of the tissue-specific expression of Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 genes at the cellular level, their promoter activities were analyzed in transgenic tobacco plants by histochemical staining of GUS gene expression driven by a 1 kb Pt4CL1 and 1.2 kb Pt4CL2 promoter sequences, respectively. In Pt4CL1p-GUS transgenic plants, intense GUS staining was detected in lignifying xylem of stem. Strong GUS activity also was found localized to xylem of leaf mid-rib and of root. However, there was no GUS expression in leaf blade, stem epidermis, cortex, phloem and pith, and flower petal. These results are consistent with the evidence that Pt4CL1 gene expression is xylem- or lignifying tissue-specific, and with the observation that Pt4CL1 mRNA level is the highest in aspen secondary developing xylem. In striking contrast to the Pt4CL1 promoter activity, the Pt4CL2 promoter did not direct GUS expression in vascular and xylem tissues in the stem and the leaf of Pt4CL2p-GUS transgenic plants. Instead, it directed GUS expression in lignin-deficient epidermal cells of the stem (Figure 10C) and of the leaf, reflecting the association of Pt4CL2 with nonlignin-related phenylpropanoid biosynthesis in the plant's outer layers. In addition, GUS staining also was detected in Pt4CL2p-GUS transgenic plant's floral organs, such as stigma and petal, suggesting the likely relevance of Pt4CL2 in mediating the formation of flavonoids, which are known to be accumulated in these organs (Higuchi (1997, supra; Caldwell et al., *Physiol. Plant.*, 58, 455 (1983); Shirley, *Trends in Plant Sci.*, 1, 377 (1996)).

The epidermis-specific Pt4CL2 promoter activity indicated that the in vivo Pt4CL2 mRNA message observed in aspen stem internodes could be caused by the signal derived from the epidermis RNA. Thus, the specific expression of

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Pt4CL2 mRNA in epidermis further supports the biochemical functions of Pt4CL2 protein in the biosynthesis of nonlignin-related phenylpropanoids.

Therefore, the promoter fragments incorporated in Pt4CL1p-GUS and Pt4CL2p-GUS fusion genes must encompass the regulatory sequence elements 5 that are responsible for the contrasting tissue-specific expression between Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 genes in aspen. Thus, based on both *in vivo* gene expression and gene promoter activity analyses, it was concluded that the expression of Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 genes in aspen is compartmentalized.

These results demonstrate that in aspen two functionally distinct 4CLs 10 are uniquely compartmentalized by their gene regulatory systems for mediating differentially the biosynthesis of lignin and other phenylpropanoids that serve different physiological functions in aspen. Pt4CL1 is involved in channeling hydroxycinnamic acid derivatives to the synthesis of guaiacyl-syringyl lignin in xylem tissues. Pt4CL2 is associated with the biosynthesis of phenylpropanoids 15 other than lignin in epidermal cells in the stem and the leaf, suggesting its likely participation in disease-resistance or defense-related mechanisms in the plant's outer layers. Therefore, 4CL isoforms may have distinct roles in plant defense systems and in lignification in a tissue-specific manner. From a practical point of view, the tissue-specific Pt4CL1 and Pt4CL2 gene promoters may offer a 20 more defined control of future genetic engineering of traits in trees that must be confined to xylem or epidermal cells.

J. Cellulose Accumulation

Twenty-five transgenic aspen lines were generated in which Pt4CL1 expression was down-regulated to various degrees by antisense inhibition, using 25 a Pt4CL1 gene operatively linked to a duplicated enhancer CaMV 35S promoter (Datla et al., *Plant Sci.*, 94, 139 (1993)). The effect of Pt4CL1 deficiency on woody tissue development was investigated in ten-month-old trees. Pt4CL1 messenger RNA was drastically reduced in four lines (Fig. 9A). These lines also exhibited more than a 90% reduction in xylem Pt4CL1 enzyme activity (Fig. 30 9B), and a 40 to 45% reduction in stem lignin (Fig. 9C). A more modest lignin reduction was found in those lines with less drastic repression of Pt4CL1 activity. The reduction in lignin content was restricted to woody xylem, as

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shown by attenuated lignin autofluorescence in xylem but not in phloem fibers following UV-irradiation (Figs. 9D, E). Severe repression of other lignin biosynthetic pathway enzymes, such as COMT or CAD, had no effect on lignin quantity in transgenic aspen, hybrid poplar or a loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*) mutant (Tsai et al., 1998; VanDoorsselaere et al., Plant J., 8, 855 (1995); Baucher et al., Plant Physiol., 112, 1479 (1996)). Lignin structure, however, was significantly altered in these cases.

To investigate the effect of Pt4CL1 repression on lignin structure, milled wood lignins were isolated from the stem of a transgenic (line 6 with a 45% lignin reduction) and a control (using methods described in Bjorkman, Nature, 174, 1057 (1954); Chiang et al., Holzforschung, 44, 147 (1990); and Ralph et al., JACS, 116, 9448 (1994)) and then were analyzed by nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) Examination of HSQC (heteronuclear single-quantum coherence) spectra (Fig. 10) and their HSQC-TOCSY (HSQC-total correlation spectroscopy) counterparts and HMQC (heteronuclear multiple-quantum correlation) indicated that these lignins are structurally similar, consistent with their comparable syringyl-to-guaiacyl ratios based on thioacidolysis of intact stem. The ratios for control and transgenic line 6 were 2.3 and 2.1, respectively. Thus, there appeared to be little disruption of the normal lignin structure as a result of reduced Pt4CL1 activity. It is clear from Figure 10 that β -aryl ethers (β -O-4) **10**, normally the most abundant (50 to 60%) linkage type in tree lignin (Adler et al., Wood Sci. Technol., 11, 169 (1977)), predominate in both lignin samples. In both lignins, erythro-isomers are more prevalent than their threo-counterparts, typical of angiosperm lignin. Resinol (β - β) units (**12** Fig. 10), which largely results from coupling of sinapyl alcohol **9b** monomers and represent initial intermediates in lignin polymerization reactions in angiosperm trees, are well represented in both lignins. Traces of phenylcoumaran (β -5) units **11** and α - β -diaryl ethers **14** were detectable in each lignin. Absent from both lignins were condensed biphenyl units such as dibenzodioxocins **13** (Ralph et al., supra). Such units, formed from 5-5-homo-coupling of coniferyl alcohol **9a**, normally represent about 4% of the constituents in angiosperm lignin (Adler, supra).

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Low levels of 4-coumaric **2** and ferulic **4** acids are sometimes detectable in angiosperm lignins. Therefore, it was determined whether the incorporation of these acids was affected by decreased Pt4CL1 activity. Long-range ^{13}C - ^1H -correlation (HMQC) NMR experiments revealed that these acids were absent from both lignin samples. However, cell walls of transgenic stem tissue contained alkaline extractable 4-coumaric **2** and ferulic **4** acids at levels 11- and 5-fold higher, respectively, than the control. Alkaline hydrolysis of stem wood meal (pass 80-mesh) was performed at room temperature for 24 hr in 1 N NaOH (Hartley, J. Chromatogr., 54, 335 (1971)). The hydrolysates were neutralized, extracted with ethyl acetate and concentrated. The concentrated products were derivatized with BSTFA and analyzed by GC-MS in SIM (selected ion monitoring) mode using a DB-5 column. 4-Coumaric acid **2** (TMS-derivative; m/z 308) content of control was 199 ± 13 nmol/g dry wood, and 2145 ± 93 nmol/g dry wood in transgenic line 6. Ferulic acid **4** (TMS-derivative: m/z 338) contents in control and transgenic line 6 were 510 ± 9 and 2431 ± 120 nmol/g dry wood, respectively. No sinapic acid 6 (TMS-derivative: m/z 368) could be detected in control. However, a significant amount of sinapic acid, 2452 ± 119 nmol/g dry wood, was found in transgenic line 6.

Together, the lignin and cell wall analyses support a requirement for activation by Pt4CL1 of these phenolic acids for their incorporation into lignin. The cell wall apparently serves as a sink for accumulating these acids when Pt4CL1 activity is reduced. As a result, lignin content was reduced in the transgenic line but lignin composition and structure were not significantly altered. The conservation of normal lignin composition and structure in the transgenic aspen stands in sharp contrast to the marked changes of lignin composition and structure in other transgenic and mutant plants with altered lignin biosynthesis (Tsai et al., 1998; Van Doorsselaere et al., 1995; Baucher et al., 1996; Elkind et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 87, 9057 (1990); Piquemal et al., Plant J., 13, 17 (1998); Sewalt et al., Plant Physiol., 115, 41 (1997); Kajita et al., Plant Physiol., 114, 871 (1997); Lee et al., Plant Cell, 9, 1985 (1997); Dwivedi et al., Plant Mol. Biol., 26, 61 (1994); Ni et al., Transgenic Res., 3, 120 (1994); Atanassova et al., Plant J., 8, 465 (1995); Halpin et al., Plant J., 6, 339

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(1994); Hibino et al., Biosci. Biotech. Biochem., 59, 929 (1995)). The results are consistent with the supposition that 4CL modulates lignin accumulation in trees in a regulatory manner that does not result in disruption of lignin structure.

Lignin and polysaccharides are proposed to account for the remarkable
5 mechanical strength of woody tissues (White et al., Nature, 205, 818 (1965);
Atalla et al., Science, 227, 636 (1985); Houtman et al., Plant Physiol., 107, 977
(1995); Taylor et al., Plant J., 2, 959 (1992); Turner et al., Plant Cell, 9, 689
(1997)). In consideration of the possible effects of severe lignin reduction on
structural polysaccharide components, these components were examined in stem
10 wood tissue. While hemicellulose content remained essentially unchanged, the
transgenic lines had a 9 to 15% increase in glucan (Table 7), identified as β -
(1 \rightarrow 4)-glucan, or cellulose, by methylation-based linkage analysis and enzymatic
hydrolysis. Lignin content was determined as the sum of Klason and acid-
soluble lignins which represent the absolute quantity of lignin (Chiang et al.,
15 Holzforschung, 44, 147 (1990)). Cellulose and hemicelluloses contents were
determined based on the total sugars after acid hydrolysis of these
polysaccharides in stem woody tissue (Chiang et al., Wood Sci. Technol., 17 ,
217 (1983); Pettersen et al., J. Wood Chem. Technol., 11, 495 (1991)). Wood
meal (pass 80-mesh) was vacuum-dried at 45°C and hydrolyzed with H₂SO₄.
20 Sugar contents of the hydrolysates were determined by anion exchange high
performance liquid chromatography using pulsed amperometric detection and
used for quantifying glucan and other polysaccharides (hemicelluloses) (Davis, J.
Wood Chem. Technol., 18, 235 (1998)).

The dried wood meal was also used for methylation analysis of the
25 glucan in wood. Both the Hakomori (J. Biochem. Tokyo, 55, 205 (1964)) and
NaOH/CH₃I (Ciucanu et al., Carbohydr. Res., 131, 209 (1984)) methylation
procedures were followed. Methylated samples were hydrolyzed in 2M TFA at
121°C for 2 hr, reduced with sodium borodeuteride, and acetylated using acetic
anhydride at 120°C for 3 hr. The derivatized samples were analyzed by GC-MS
30 using a Sp2330 Supelco column. The methylation revealed that the glucose
residues are mainly derived from 1 \rightarrow 4 glucan for both control and transgenic

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lines. Enzymatic hydrolysis of stem woody tissue further confirmed that the glucans in both control and transgenic lines are β -(1 \rightarrow 4)-glucan, or cellulose.

Thus, (1 \rightarrow 3)-linked glucan (callose), reportedly deposited in plant cell walls as a result of perturbed secondary metabolism (Schmelzer et al., Plant Cell, 1, 993 (1989)), was not detected in transgenic or control wood. Together, 5 increased cellulose and decreased lignin content resulted in a cellulose-to-lignin ratio of 4 compared with 2 in control aspen (Table 7). The reason for the increased cellulose content is not clear. The absence of change in transcript levels of an aspen homolog of celA encoding a catalytic subunit of cellulose 10 synthase (Arioli et al., Science, 279, 717 (1997)) argues against an increase in the rate of cellulose deposition due to altered transcriptional regulation in transgenic trees with reduced lignin content. The increase in cellulose content suggests that cross talk between lignin and cellulose biosynthetic pathways can nevertheless occur to ensure that cellulose biosynthesis becomes the preferred structural 15 carbon sink when lignin biosynthesis is reduced. Because cellulose and lignin are the two components of wood most responsible for its rigidity, such cross talk could represent an adaptation to sustain mechanical strength in lignin deficient xylem.

The reduced lignin content in transgenic lines did not adversely affect 20 tree growth and development. In fact, trees with down-regulated Pt4CL1 had thicker stems, longer internodes, and larger (frequently epinastic) leaves than controls (Figs. 11A and 11B). Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) revealed that the shape and size of stem xylem fiber and vessel cells were similar to those of controls (Figs. 11C-F). Therefore, the enhanced stem development in these 25 transgenic lines was apparently due to increased proliferative activity during xylem development rather than to increased cell size. Root growth rates also increased in these lines, resulting in greater length (15-fold) and fresh weight gain (20-fold) than in controls over a 14-day period in ex vitro rooting experiments (Fig. 11G). Cell size distribution in the meristematic and elongation 30 zones of root tips was similar in control and transgenic roots. As was the case in stem xylem, increased root growth rate of the transgenic was due to increased cell number. Leaf growth also increased in the transgenic lines resulting in 4- to

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- 5-fold larger leaves than in controls (Fig. 11B). Mature leaf adaxial epidermal cells were measured in two of the transgenic lines and found to be at least twice as large as in control aspen. A more detailed analysis was conducted to determine whether the rate and/or the duration of cell expansion accounted for
- 5 the increased cell size in mature leaves of transgenic aspen. Epidermal cell expansion stopped at leaf number 15 below the first emerging leaf in control plants, but epidermal cells as well as leaf area continued to expand at leaf number 28 in transgenics (Fig. 11H). Therefore, the prolonged expansion of epidermal cells contributed to increased leaf size in the transgenic aspen lines.
- 10 The promotive effects on growth and development in the transgenic trees was a surprising observation. Growth enhancement has not been reported in transgenic tobacco or Arabidopsis with downregulated PAL (phenylalanine ammonia lyase), CCR, C4H, 4CL, COMT, or CAD. In fact, stunted growth and collapsed cell walls occurred in some transgenic tobacco with altered lignin
- 15 biosynthesis. Whether the growth responses between herbaceous and tree species differed due to altered lignin biosynthesis per se is not clear. In the case of aspen, lignin composition and structure were conserved, eliminating the possibility that altered lignin constituents promoted growth. In aspen trees, reduced expression of Pt4CL1 disrupted lignin biosynthesis downstream of the
- 20 phenylpropanoid pathway and this increased the concentration of phenylpropanoid intermediates in cell walls. At the same time, enhanced cell division and cell expansion were observed in root tips and leaves. Whether the growth enhancement observed in the transgenic aspen is due to altered carbon distribution between primary/secondary metabolism or specifically due to
- 25 changes in wall-bound moieties are two possibilities to consider. Histone gene(s) expression has been used as a marker to show that cell division decreases in suspension cells and young leaves of parsley following treatments of that divert carbon flow in to the phenylpropanoid pathway and away from primary metabolic pathways (Logemann et al., Plant J., 8, 865 (1995)). There is also
- 30 current interest in the organization and composition of cell wall constituents and their effects on cell expansion and plant growth. For these rationale,

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phenylpropanoid flux as well as cell wall constituents would be of interest for investigating growth effects of lignin manipulation in trees.

The finding that cellulose content increases in transgenic aspen with disrupted lignin biosynthesis is unique; similar observations have not been reported in herbaceous plants (Turner et al., Plant Cell, 9, 689 (1997); Elkind et al., 1990; Piquemal et al., 1998)). Interesting to consider is the idea that in perennial woody plants, lignin and cellulose deposition in cell walls are regulated in a compensatory fashion such that decreased in one are compensated for by increases in the other for maintaining the cellular structural integrity. This compensatory deposition of lignin and cellulose is consistent with the manner of how trees regulate their lignin and cellulose quantities in the course of forming naturally occurring reaction wood for mechanical support. Compensatory regulation such as this would also provide metabolic flexibility during annual growth increments, perhaps key for the long term structural integrity of woody perennials like trees. Further study is required to determine whether such regulation of cellulose accumulation is sensitive to primary/secondary metabolism and to changes in cell wall constituents such as those observed in Pt4CL1 down-regulated aspen.

Overall, lignin limits the utilization of wood for fiber/material-, chemical-, and energy-production. Traditional breeding approaches have not led to trees with more desirable lignin/cellulose composition. However, genetic engineering appears to offer a strategy for manipulating such traits in trees, with the prospect of systemically regulating growth as reported here. The benefit of these engineered traits may also extend to forage crops in which lignin has been identified as the major barrier to their digestibility by ruminants.

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Table 7. Lignin and cellulose contents in stem woody tissue of control and transgenic aspen. Data are the mean \pm SD of three independent experiments. Normalized values relative to control are shown in parentheses.

Line	Lignin Content	Cellulose Content	Cellulose-to-lignin ratio
	(% of dry wood weight)	(% of dry wood weight)	
Control	21.62 \pm 0.30 (100)	44.23 \pm 0.43 (100)	2.0
4	12.83 \pm 0.28 (60)	48.35 \pm 0.60 (109)	3.8
5	13.02 \pm 0.28 (60)	49.74 \pm 0.45 (112)	3.7
6	11.84 \pm 0.08 (55)	50.83 \pm 0.26 (115)	4.3
8	12.90 \pm 0.04 (60)	48.14 \pm 0.29 (109)	3.8

All publications and patents are incorporated by reference herein, as though individually incorporated by reference, as long as they are not inconsistent with the present disclosure. The invention is not limited to the exact details shown and described, for it should be understood that many variations and modifications may be made while remaining within the scope of the invention defined by the claims.

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for altering the growth characteristics of a plant comprising the step of incorporating into the genome of the plant a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase such that when the nucleotide sequence is expressed in the plant, the growth of the plant is altered.
2. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the DNA molecule comprises a homologous nucleotide sequence.
3. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the DNA molecule comprises a heterologous nucleotide sequence.
4. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the DNA molecule is incorporated into the genome of the plant by transformation using an Agrobacterium transfer vector.
5. The method asset forth in claim 1 wherein the DNA molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence in antisense orientation.
6. The method asset forth in claim 1 wherein the DNA molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence in sense orientation.
7. The method as set forth in claim 6 wherein the DNA molecule is a cloned cDNA sequence of 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase.
8. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein the recombinant DNA molecule comprises the promoter sequence of CaMV35S.
9. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said altered growth is manifested as an increase in biomass.

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10. A plant having its growth characteristic altered through the incorporation into the genome of the plant a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase such that when the nucleotide sequence is expressed in the plant, the growth
5 characteristic of the plant is altered.

11. The plant as set forth in claim 10 wherein the DNA molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence in antisense orientation.

10 12. The plant as set forth in claim 10 wherein the DNA molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence in sense orientation.

13. The plant as set forth in claim 10 wherein the DNA is incorporated into the genome of the plant by transformation using an
15 Agrobacterium transfer vector.

14. The plant as set forth in claim 10 wherein the DNA molecule is a cloned cDNA sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase.

20 15. The plant as set forth in claim 10 wherein the DNA molecule comprises the promoter of CaMV35S.

16. The plant as set forth in claim 10 wherein said altered growth is manifested as an increase in plant biomass.

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17. The plant as set forth in claim 10 which is a tree.

18. A method for altering a characteristic of a plant comprising the step of genetically down regulating the enzyme 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A
30 ligase, wherein the characteristic is selected from the group consisting of accelerated growth, reduced lignin content, altered lignin structure, increased disease resistance and increased cellulose content.

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19. The method of claim 18 wherein the plant is genetically down regulated through incorporation into the genome of the plant a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase in antisense orientation.

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20. The method as set forth in claim 18 wherein the recombinant DNA molecule is incorporated into the genome of the plant by transformation using an Agrobacterium transfer vector.

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21. The method as set forth in claim 19 wherein the recombinant DNA molecule comprises a homologous nucleotide sequence that is incorporated into the genome of the plant.

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22. The method as set forth in claim 18 wherein the nucleotide sequence is a cloned cDNA sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase.

23. The method as set forth in claim 18 wherein the recombinant DNA molecule comprises a promoter of CaMV35S.

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24. A plant having a characteristic altered by genetically down regulating the enzyme 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase, wherein the characteristic is selected from the group consisting of accelerated growth, reduced lignin content, altered lignin structure, increased disease resistance and increased cellulose content.

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25. The plant of claim 24 wherein the plant is genetically down regulated through incorporation into the genome of the plant a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a homologous nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase in the antisense orientation.

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26. The plant of claim 24 wherein the recombinant DNA molecule is incorporated into the genome of the plant by transformation using an Agrobacterium transfer vector.

5 27. The plant of claim 24 wherein the nucleotide sequence is a cloned cDNA sequence of 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase.

28. The plant of claim 24 wherein the recombinant DNA molecule comprises a promoter of CaMV35S.

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29. An isolated and purified DNA molecule comprising a DNA segment comprising a transcriptional regulatory region of a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene.

15 30. The isolated and purified DNA molecule of claim 29 in which the DNA segment is from aspen.

31. The isolated and purified DNA molecule of claim 29 wherein the DNA segment directs expression of a linked sequence to the xylem of a plant.

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32. The isolated and purified DNA molecule of claim 29 wherein the DNA segment directs expression of a linked sequence to the epidermal tissue of a plant.

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33. A method of imparting disease resistance to a plant tissue comprising:

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- (a) introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase operably linked to a promoter functional in a plant cell into cells of a plant;
- (b) regenerating said plant cells to provide a transgenic plant; and

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(c) expressing the recombinant DNA molecule in the cells of the transgenic plant in an amount effective to render the plant resistant to disease.

5 34. The method according to claim 33 wherein the disease is caused by a fungus.

35. The method according to claim 33 wherein the nucleotide sequence is in the antisense orientation.

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36. A transgenic plant prepared by the method of claim 33.

37. A transgenic seed of the transgenic plant of claim 33.

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38. A transgenic plant, which plant is substantially resistant to disease, comprising:

- (a) a native 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene, and
- (b) a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase operably linked to a promoter functional in a plant wherein the recombinant DNA molecule is expressed in an amount effective to confer resistance to the transgenic plant.

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39. A method for altering the lignin content in a plant comprising:

- 25 (a) introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase operably linked to a promoter functional in a plant cell into the cells of a plant;
 - (b) regenerating said plant cells to provide a transgenic plant; and
 - (c) expressing the recombinant DNA molecule in the cells of the
- 30 transgenic plant in an amount effective to alter the lignin content in the plant cells.

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40. A transgenic plant having an altered lignin content in the plant cells comprising: a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase operably linked to a promoter so that the recombinant DNA molecule is expressed in an amount effective to alter the lignin content of the plant.

41. A method for altering the cellulose content in a plant comprising:

(a) introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase operably linked to a promoter functional in a plant cell into the cells of a plant;

(b) regenerating said plant cells to provide a transgenic plant; and

(c) expressing the recombinant DNA molecule in the cells of the transgenic plant in an amount effective to alter the cellulose content in the plant.

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42. A transgenic plant having an altered cellulose content in the plant cells comprising: a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a recombinant DNA molecule sequence encoding a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase operably linked to a promoter so that the recombinant DNA molecule is expressed in an amount effective to alter the cellulose content of the plants.

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43. A method for altering the lignin structure in a plant comprising:

(a) introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a recombinant DNA nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase operably linked to a promoter functional in a plant cell into the cells of a plant;

(b) regenerating said plant cells to provide a transgenic plant; and

(c) expressing the recombinant DNA molecule in the cells of the transgenic plant in an amount effective to alter the lignin structure in the plants.

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44. A transformed plant having an altered lignin structure comprising: a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase operably linked to a promoter so that the

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recombinant DNA molecule is expressed in an amount effective to alter the lignin structure of the plant.

45. An expression cassette comprising a transcriptional control region
5 of a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene operably linked to a DNA segment comprising an open reading frame.

46. A method of expressing a DNA segment in the xylem of a plant, comprising:

10 (a) introducing an expression cassette comprising a transcriptional control region of a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene operably linked to a DNA segment into cells of a plant;
(b) regenerating the plant cells to provide a transgenic plant; and
(c) expressing the DNA segment in the xylem of a plant.

15 47. A method of expressing a DNA segment in the epidermal tissue of a plant, comprising:
(a) introducing an expression cassette comprising a transcriptional control region of a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase gene purple
20 operably linked to a DNA segment into cells of a plant;
(b) regenerating the plant cells to provide a transgenic plant; and
(c) expressing the DNA segment in the epidermal tissue of a plant.

48. The method of claim 46 wherein the transgenic plant has altered
25 lignin content, lignin structure, cellulose content or wood quality relative to the corresponding non-transgenic plant.

49. The plant of claim 38 which has altered levels of
phenylpropanoids or other secondary metabolities relative to the corresponding
30 non-transgenic plant.

50. The method of claim 1 wherein the plant has enhanced root growth.

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51. The plant of claim 10 wherein the plant has enhanced root growth.

52. The method of claim 1 wherein the plant has enhanced root development.

53. The plant of claim 10 wherein the plant has enhanced root development.

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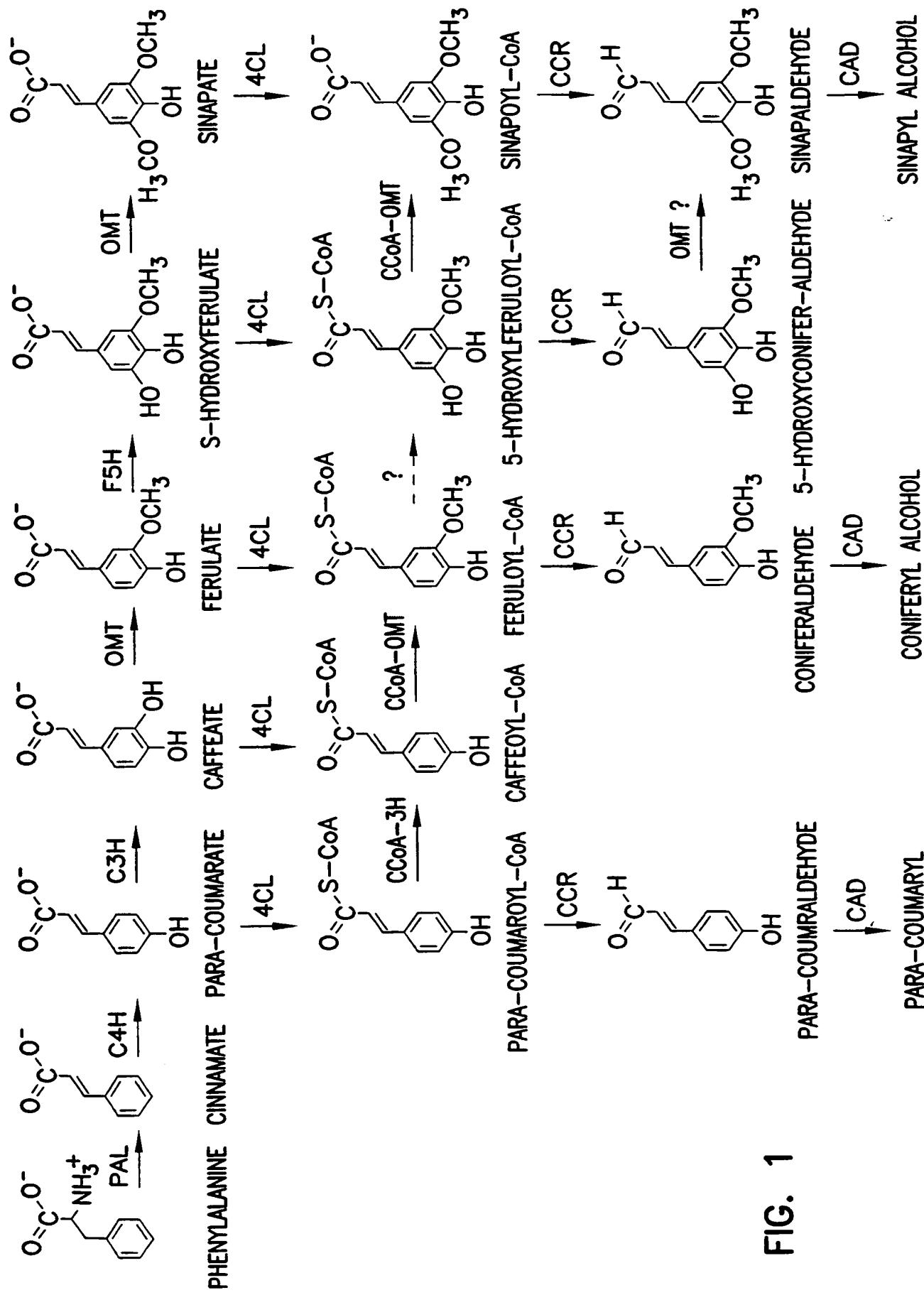


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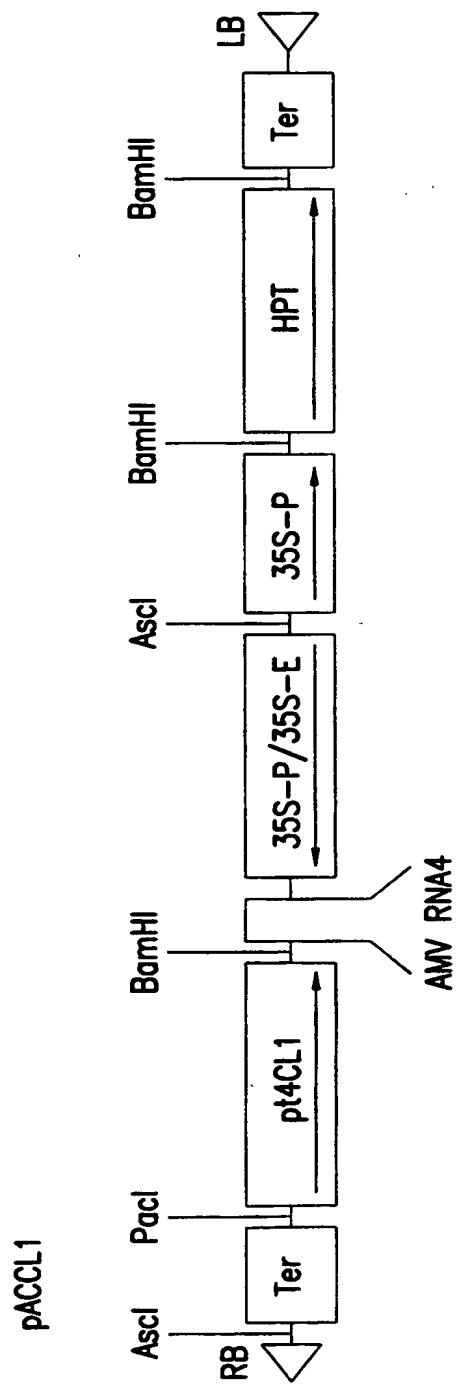


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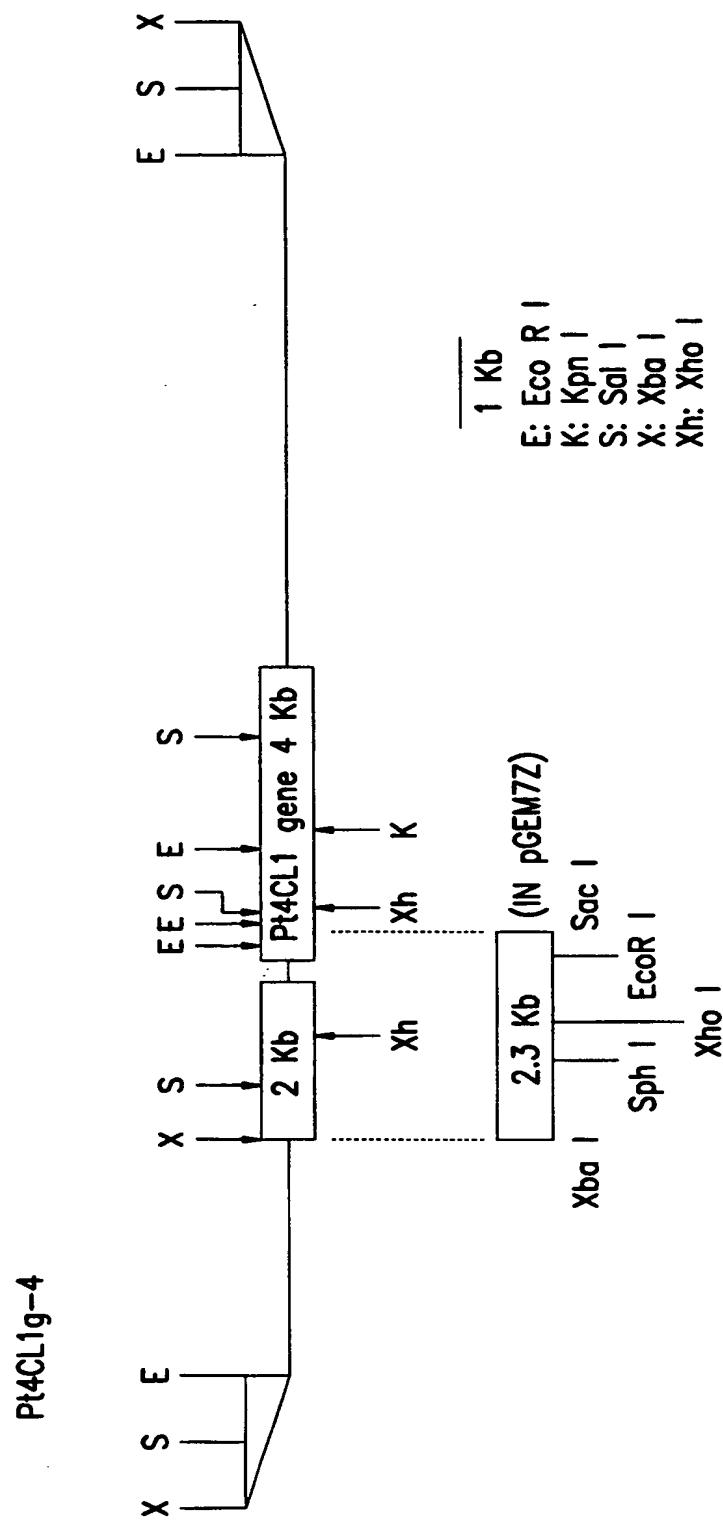
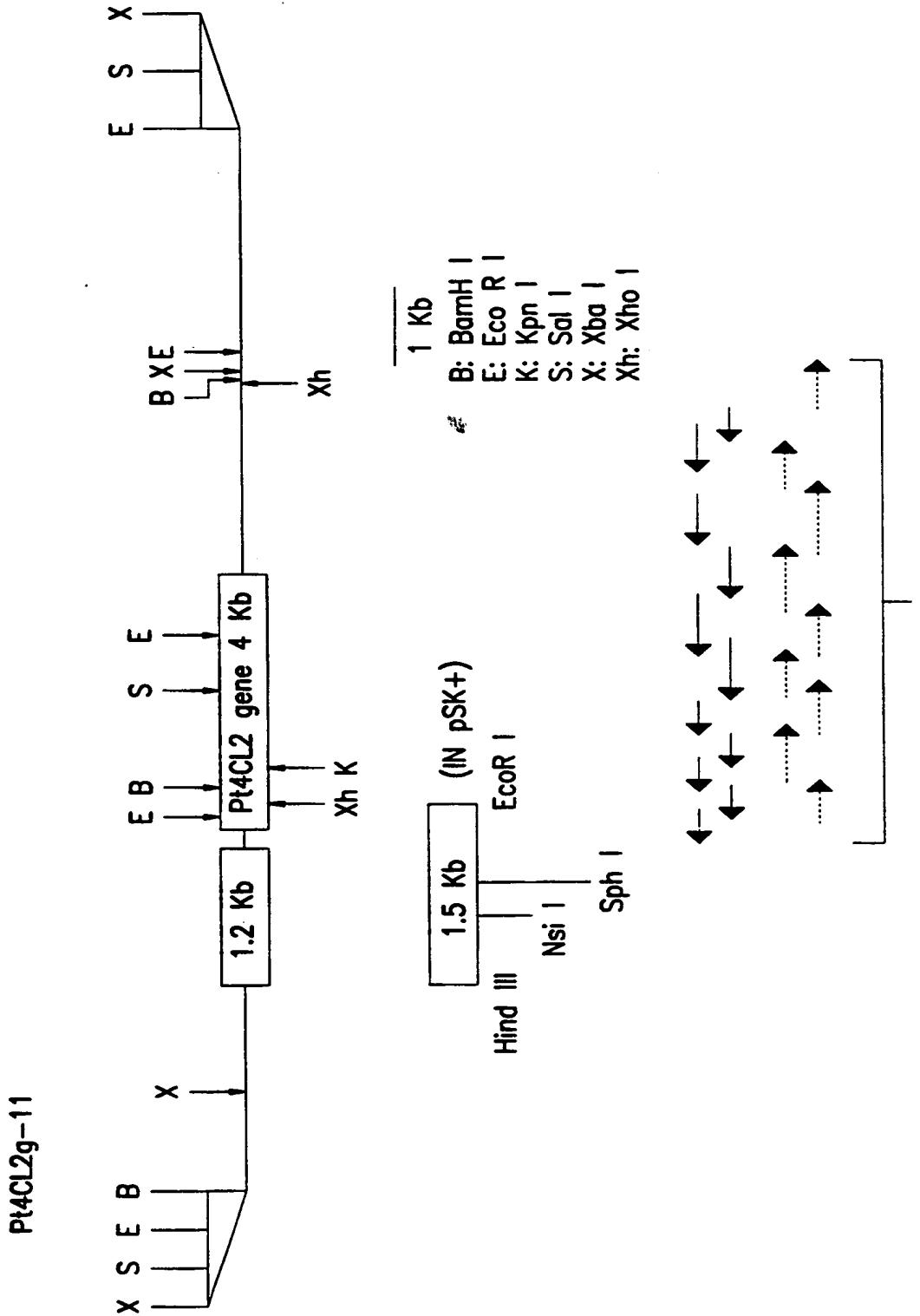


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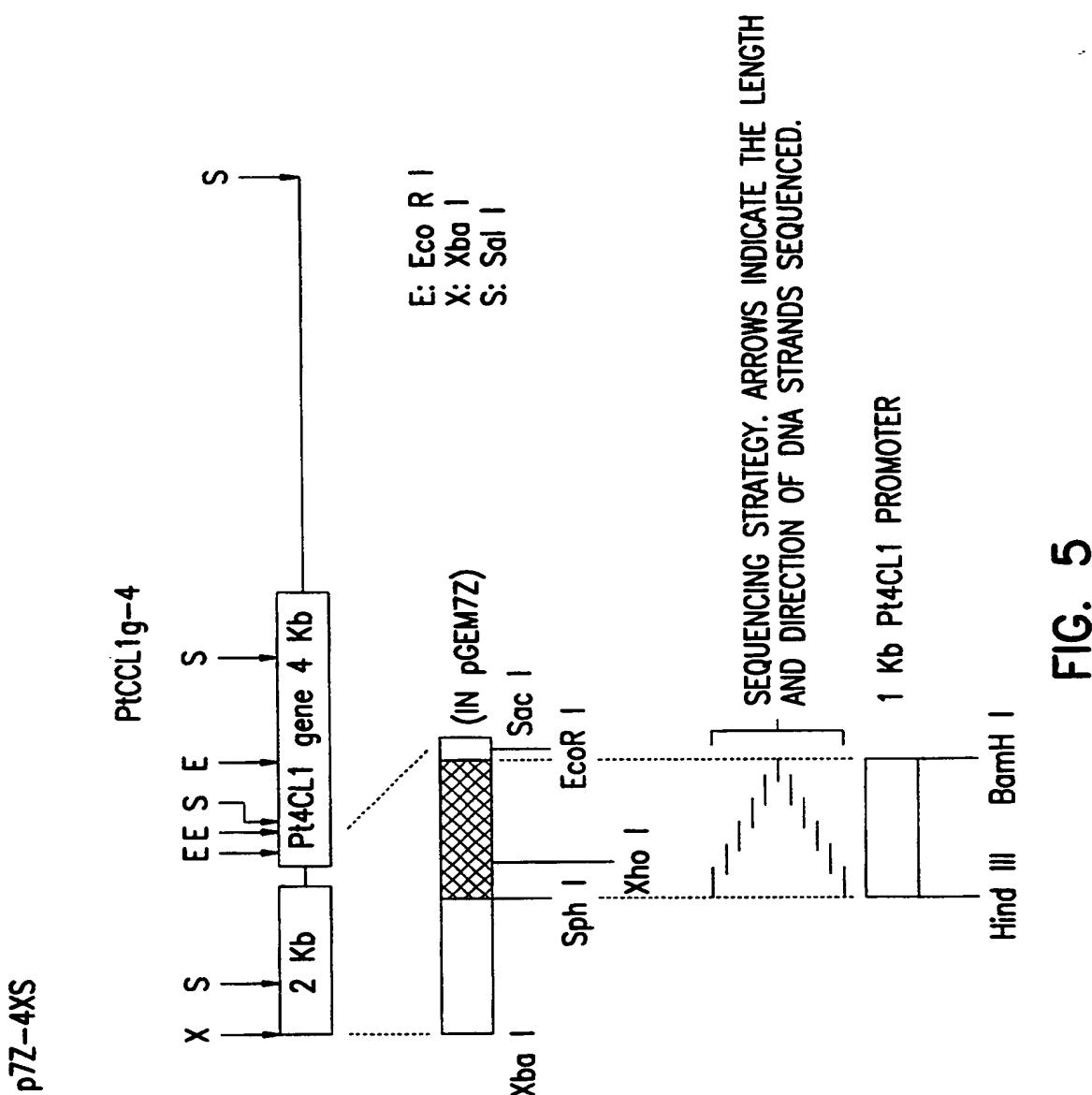
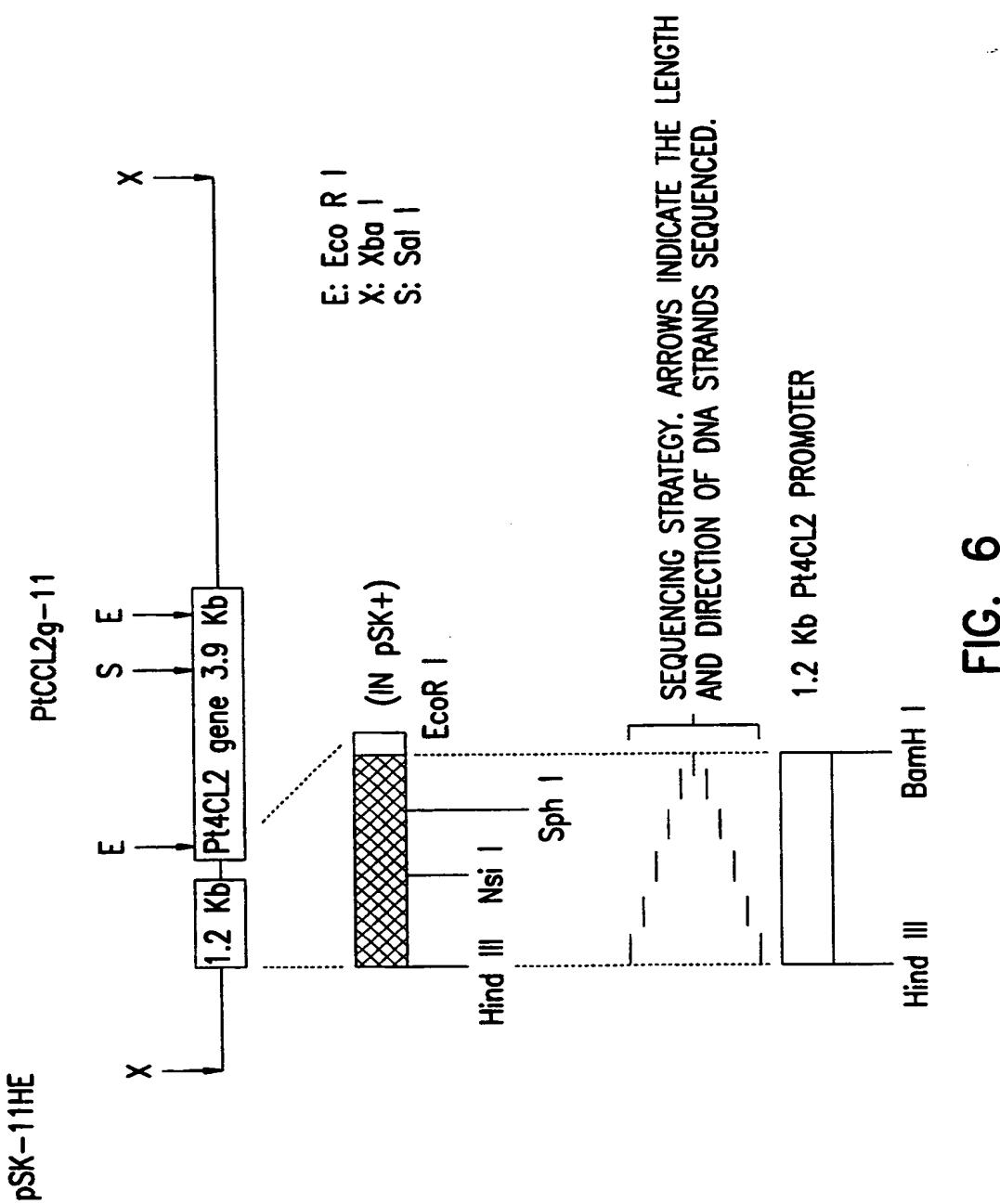
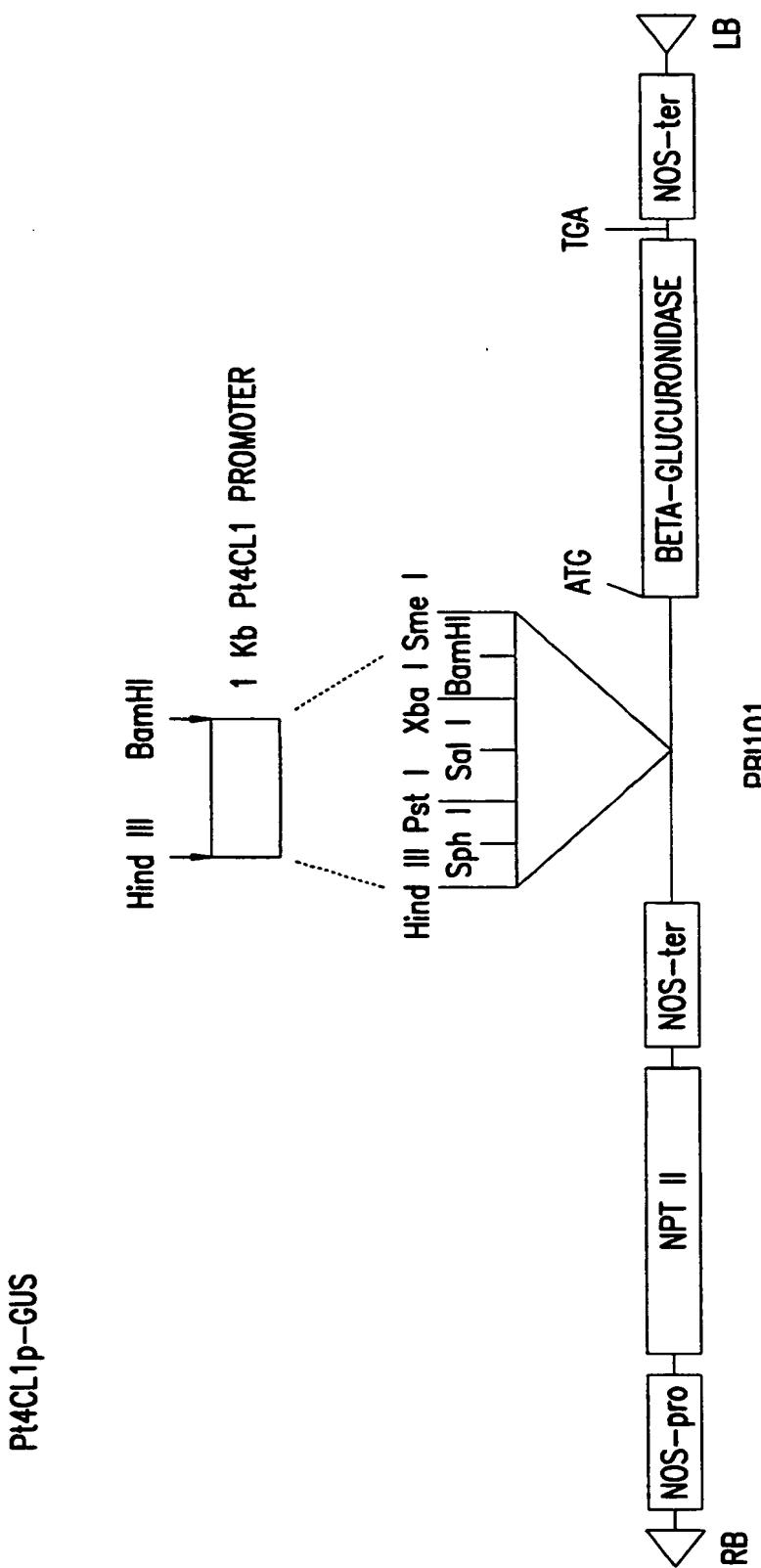


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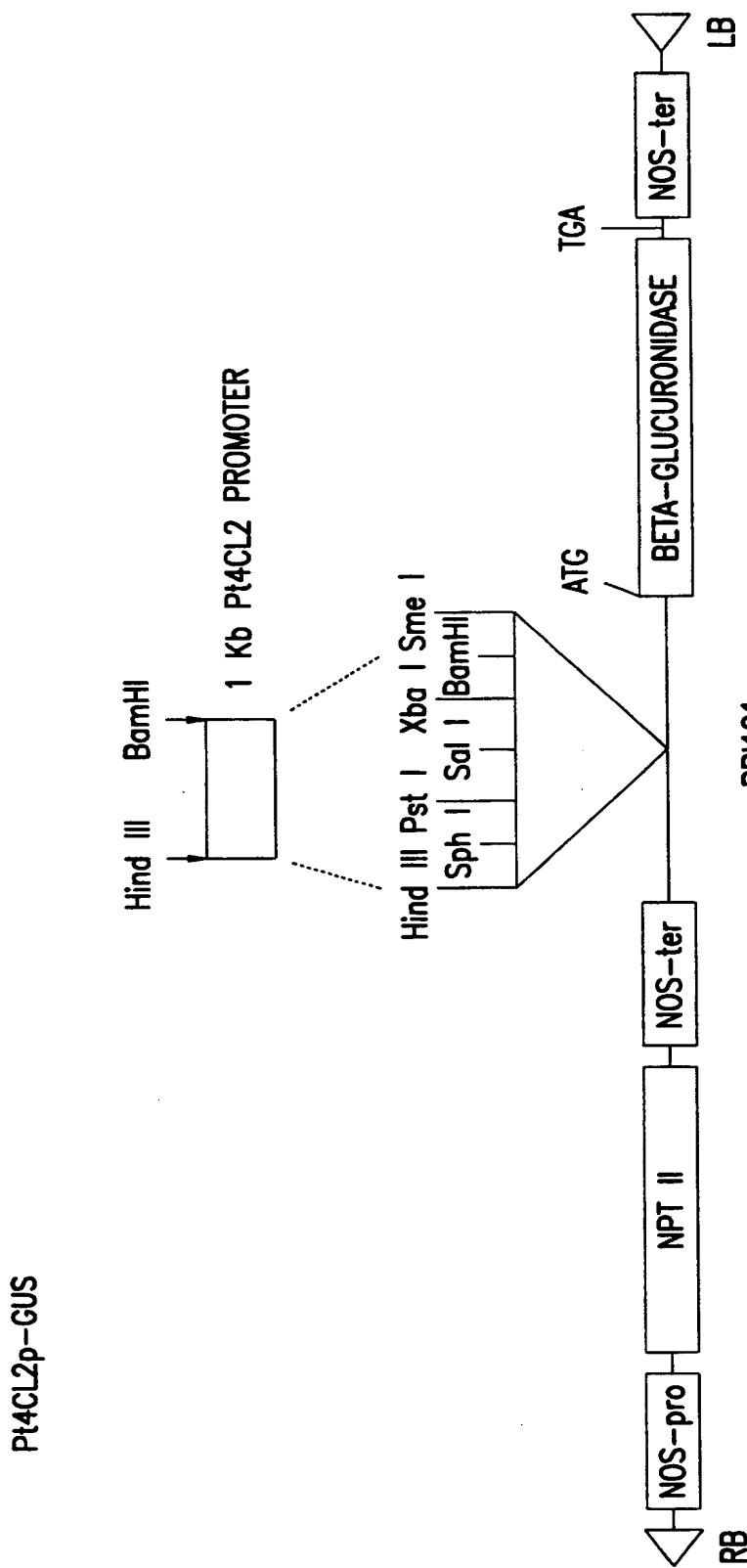
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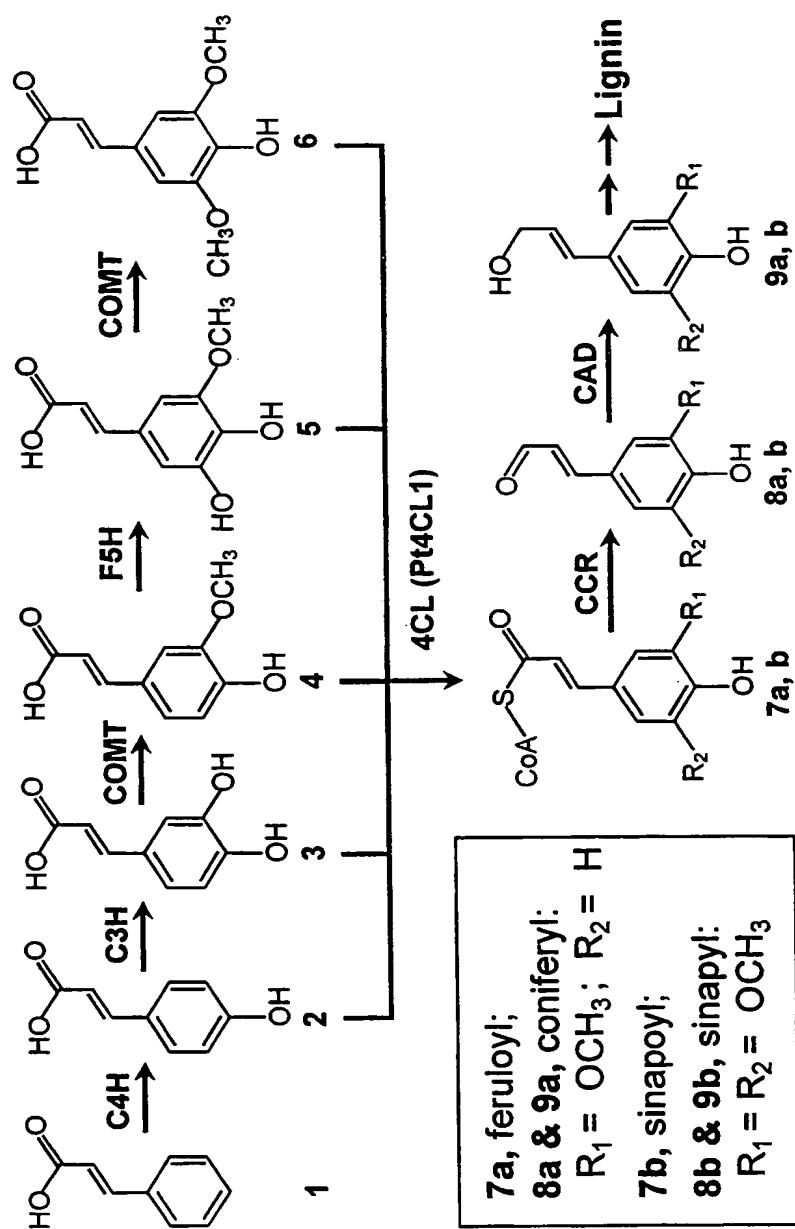


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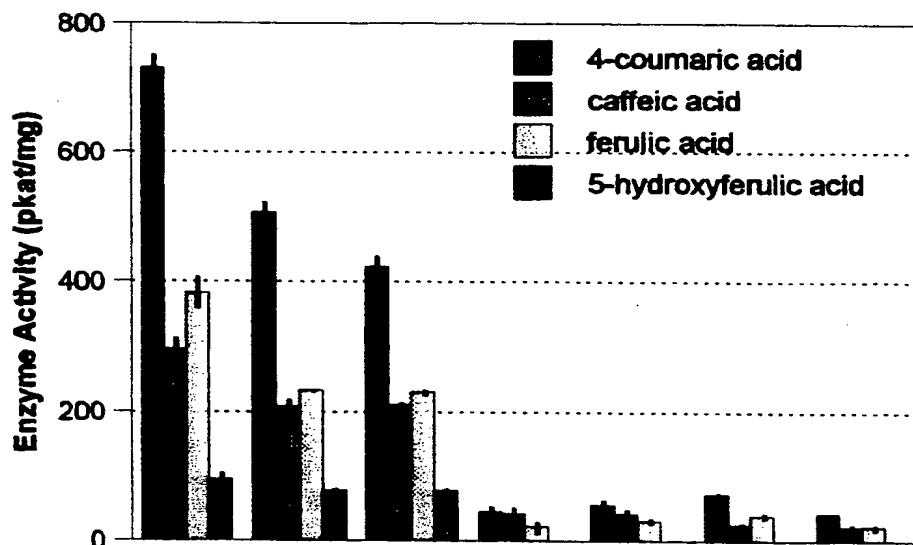


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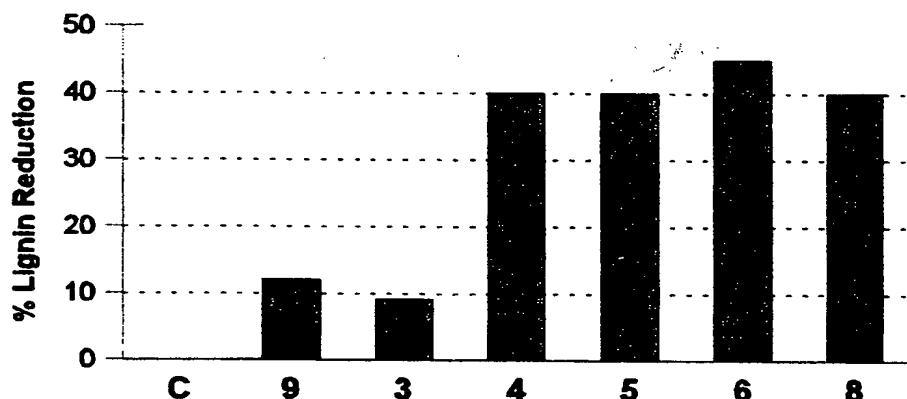


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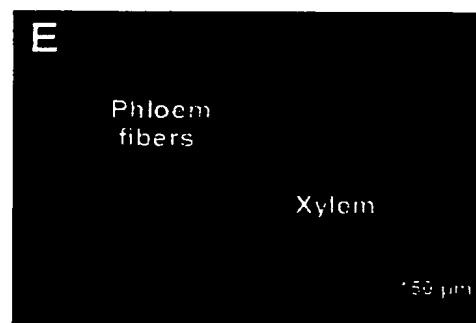
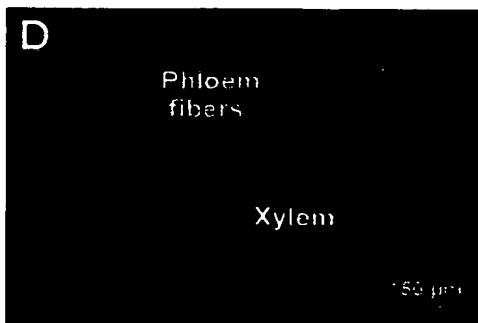
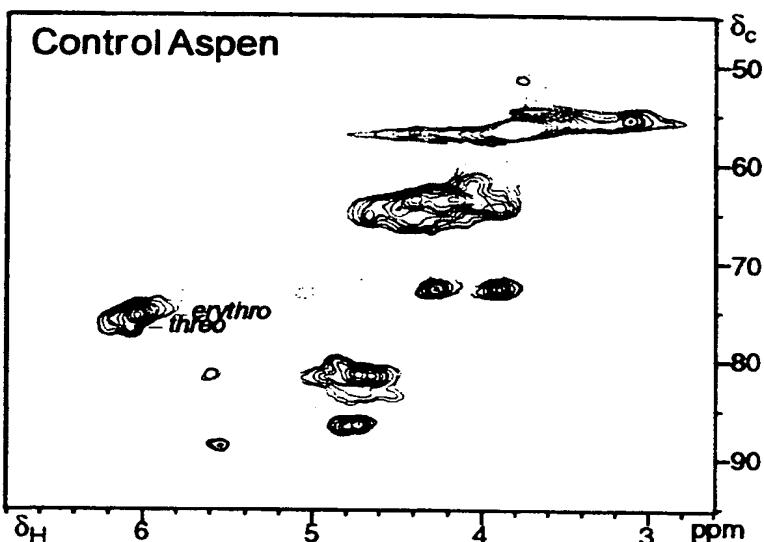
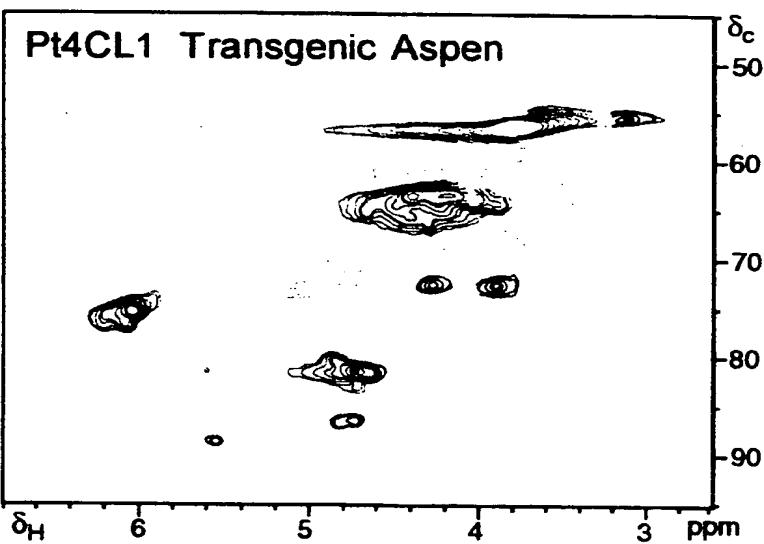
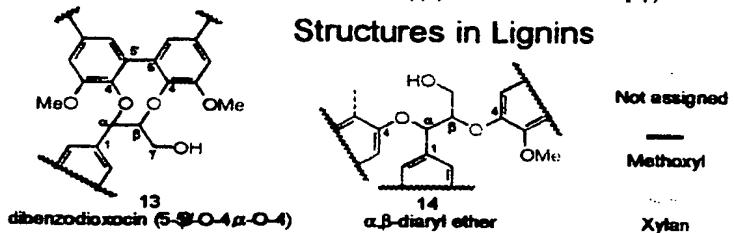
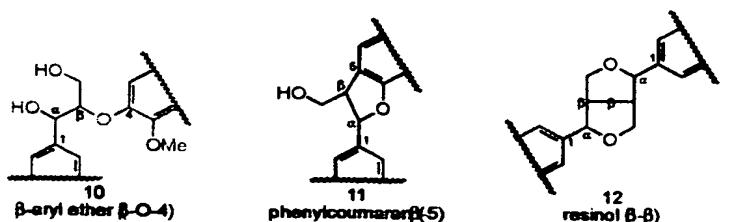


FIG. 10D

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**FIG. 11A****FIG. 11B****FIG. 11C**

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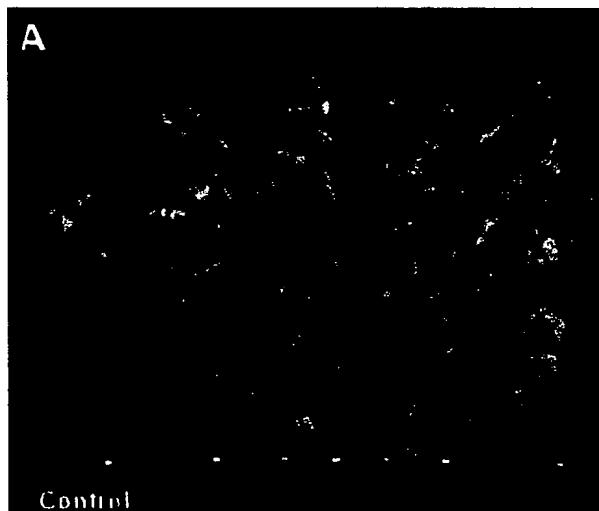


FIG. 12A



FIG. 12B

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FIG. 12C FIG. 12D



FIG. 12E FIG. 12F

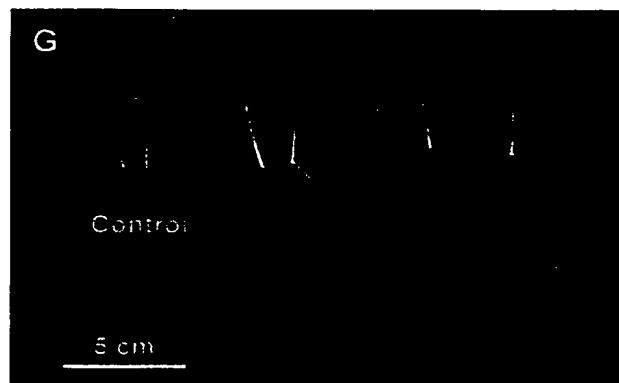


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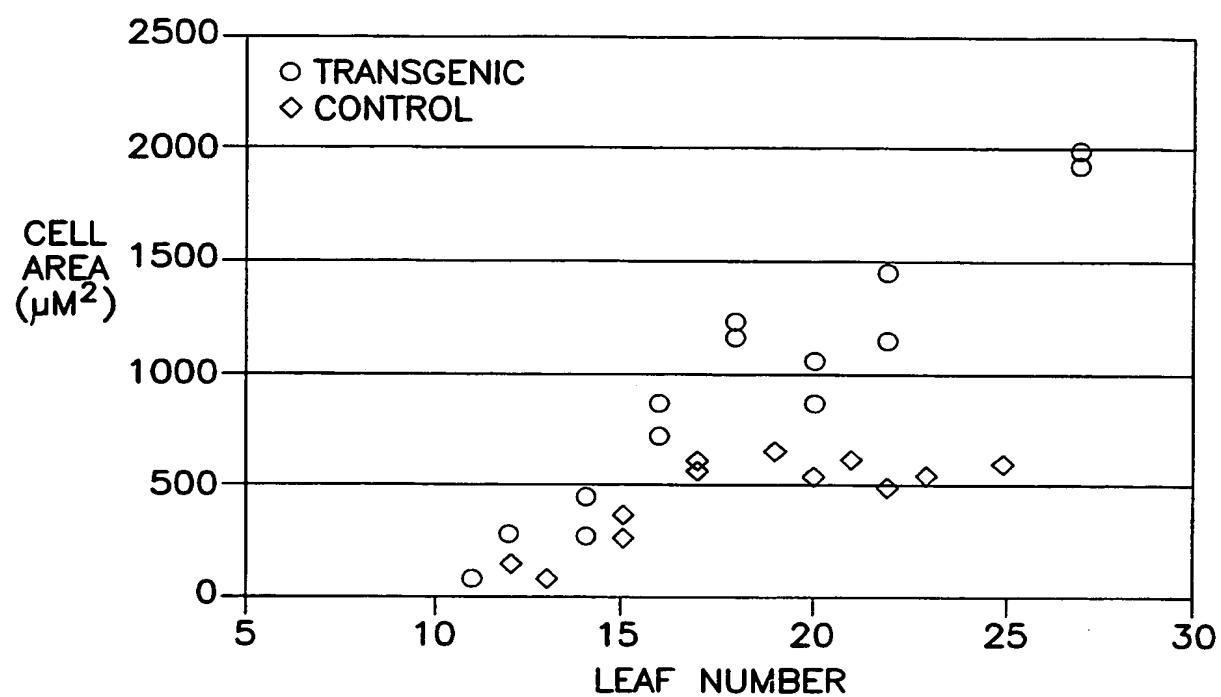


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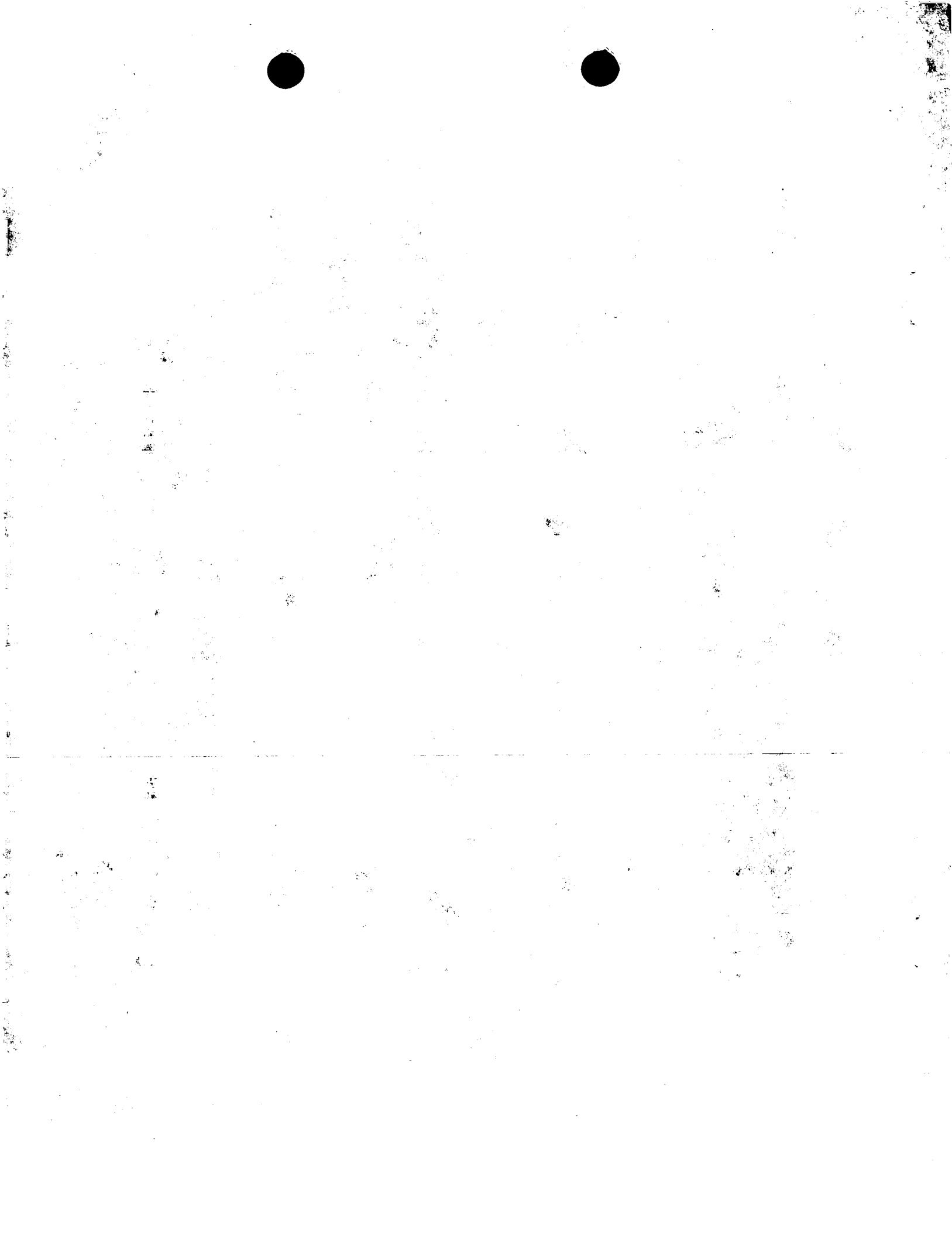
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(57) Abstract

Novel isolated DNA sequences associated with the lignin biosynthetic pathway are provided, together with DNA constructs including such sequences. Methods for the modulation of lignin content in plants are also disclosed, the methods comprising incorporating one or more of the inventive DNA sequences or a sequence complementary to an inventive DNA sequence into the genome of a plant.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF PLANT LIGNIN CONTENT

5 Technical Field of the Invention

This invention relates to the field of modification of lignin content and composition in plants. More particularly, this invention relates to enzymes involved in the lignin biosynthetic pathway and nucleotide sequences encoding such enzymes.

10 Background of the Invention

Lignin is an insoluble polymer which is primarily responsible for the rigidity of plant stems. Specifically, lignin serves as a matrix around the polysaccharide components of some plant cell walls. The higher the lignin content, the more rigid the plant. For example, tree species synthesize large quantities of lignin, with lignin 15 constituting between 20% to 30% of the dry weight of wood. In addition to providing rigidity, lignin aids in water transport within plants by rendering cell walls hydrophobic and water impermeable. Lignin also plays a role in disease resistance of plants by impeding the penetration and propagation of pathogenic agents.

The high concentration of lignin in trees presents a significant problem in the 20 paper industry wherein considerable resources must be employed to separate lignin from the cellulose fiber needed for the production of paper. Methods typically employed for the removal of lignin are highly energy- and chemical-intensive, resulting in increased costs and increased levels of undesirable waste products. In the U.S. alone, about 20 million tons of lignin are removed from wood per year.

25 Lignin is largely responsible for the digestibility, or lack thereof, of forage crops, with small increases in plant lignin content resulting in relatively high decreases in digestibility. For example, crops with reduced lignin content provide more efficient forage for cattle, with the yield of milk and meat being higher relative to the amount of forage crop consumed. During normal plant growth, the increase in dry matter content 30 is accompanied by a corresponding decrease in digestibility. When deciding on the optimum time to harvest forage crops, farmers must therefore chose between a high yield of less digestible material and a lower yield of more digestible material.

For some applications, an increase in lignin content is desirable since increasing the lignin content of a plant would lead to increased mechanical strength of wood, changes in its color and increased resistance to rot. Mycorrhizal species composition and abundance may also be favorably manipulated by modifying lignin content and structural composition.

As discussed in detail below, lignin is formed by polymerization of at least three different monolignols which are synthesized in a multistep pathway, each step in the pathway being catalyzed by a different enzyme. It has been shown that manipulation of the number of copies of genes encoding certain enzymes, such as cinnamyl alcohol dehydrogenase (CAD) and caffeic acid 3-O-methyltransferase (COMT) results in modification of the amount of lignin produced; see, for example, U.S. Patent No. 5,451,514 and PCT publication no. WO 94/23044. Furthermore, it has been shown that antisense expression of sequences encoding CAD in poplar leads to the production of lignin having a modified composition (Grand, C. et al. *Planta (Berl.)* 163:232-237 (1985)).

While DNA sequences encoding some of the enzymes involved in the lignin biosynthetic pathway have been isolated for certain species of plants, genes encoding many of the enzymes in a wide range of plant species have not yet been identified. Thus there remains a need in the art for materials useful in the modification of lignin content and composition in plants and for methods for their use.

Summary of the Invention

Briefly, the present invention provides isolated DNA sequences obtainable from eucalyptus and pine which encode enzymes involved in the lignin biosynthetic pathway, DNA constructs including such sequences, and methods for the use of such constructs. Transgenic plants having altered lignin content and composition are also provided.

In a first aspect, the present invention provides isolated DNA sequences coding for the following enzymes isolated from eucalyptus and pine: cinnamate 4-hydroxylase (C4H), coumarate 3-hydroxylase (C3H), phenolase (PNL), O-methyl transferase (OMT), cinnamyl alcohol dehydrogenase (CAD), cinnamoyl-CoA reductase (CCR), phenylalanine ammonia-lyase (PAL), 4-coumarate:CoA ligase (4CL), coniferal-

glucosyl transferase (CGT), coniferin *beta*-glucosidase (CBG), laccase (LAC) and peroxidase (POX), together with ferulate-5-hydroxylase (F5H) from eucalyptus. In one embodiment, the isolated DNA sequences comprise a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of: (a) sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, and 5 72-88; (b) complements of the sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88; (c) reverse complements of the sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88; (d) reverse sequences of the sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88; and (e) sequences having at least about a 99% probability of being the same as a sequence of (a) – (d) as measured by the computer algorithm FASTA.

10 In another aspect, the invention provides DNA constructs comprising a DNA sequence of the present invention, either alone, in combination with one or more of the inventive sequences or in combination with one or more known DNA sequences; together with transgenic cells comprising such constructs.

15 In a related aspect, the present invention provides DNA constructs comprising, in the 5'-3' direction, a gene promoter sequence; an open reading frame coding for at least a functional portion of an enzyme encoded by the inventive DNA sequences or variants thereof; and a gene termination sequence. The open reading frame may be orientated in either a sense or antisense direction. DNA constructs comprising a non-coding region of a gene coding for an enzyme encoded by the above DNA sequences or 20 a nucleotide sequence complementary to a non-coding region, together with a gene promoter sequence and a gene termination sequence, are also provided. Preferably, the gene promoter and termination sequences are functional in a host plant. Most preferably, the gene promoter and termination sequences are those of the original enzyme genes but others generally used in the art, such as the Cauliflower Mosaic 25 Virus (CMV) promoter, with or without enhancers, such as the Kozak sequence or Omega enhancer, and *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* nopaline synthase terminator may be usefully employed in the present invention. Tissue-specific promoters may be employed in order to target expression to one or more desired tissues. In a preferred embodiment, the gene promoter sequence provides for transcription in xylem. The 30 DNA construct may further include a marker for the identification of transformed cells.

In a further aspect, transgenic plant cells comprising the DNA constructs of the present invention are provided, together with plants comprising such transgenic cells, and fruits and seeds of such plants.

In yet another aspect, methods for modulating the lignin content and composition of a plant are provided, such methods including stably incorporating into the genome of the plant a DNA construct of the present invention. In a preferred embodiment, the target plant is a woody plant, preferably selected from the group consisting of eucalyptus and pine species, most preferably from the group consisting of *Eucalyptus grandis* and *Pinus radiata*. In a related aspect, a method for producing a plant having altered lignin content is provided, the method comprising transforming a plant cell with a DNA construct of the present invention to provide a transgenic cell, and cultivating the transgenic cell under conditions conducive to regeneration and mature plant growth.

In yet a further aspect, the present invention provides methods for modifying the activity of an enzyme in a plant, comprising stably incorporating into the genome of the plant a DNA construct of the present invention. In a preferred embodiment, the target plant is a woody plant, preferably selected from the group consisting of eucalyptus and pine species, most preferably from the group consisting of *Eucalyptus grandis* and *Pinus radiata*.

The above-mentioned and additional features of the present invention and the manner of obtaining them will become apparent, and the invention will be best understood by reference to the following more detailed description, read in conjunction with the accompanying drawing.

25 Brief Description of the Figures

Fig. 1 is a schematic overview of the lignin biosynthetic pathway.

Detailed Description

Lignin is formed by polymerization of at least three different monolignols, primarily *para*-coumaryl alcohol, coniferyl alcohol and sinapyl alcohol. While these three types of lignin subunits are well known, it is possible that slightly different variants of these subunits may be involved in the lignin biosynthetic pathway in various

plants. The relative concentration of these residues in lignin varies between different plant species and within species. In addition, the composition of lignin may also vary between different tissues within a specific plant. The three monolignols are derived from phenylalanine in a multistep process and are believed to be polymerized into lignin by a free radical mechanism.

Fig. 1 shows the different steps in the biosynthetic pathway for coniferyl alcohol together with the enzymes responsible for catalyzing each step. *para*-Coumaryl alcohol and sinapyl alcohol are synthesized by similar pathways. Phenylalanine is first deaminated by phenylalanine ammonia-lyase (PAL) to give cinnamate which is then hydroxylated by cinnamate 4-hydroxylase (C4H) to form *p*-coumarate. *p*-Coumarate is hydroxylated by coumarate 3-hydroxylase to give caffeate. The newly added hydroxyl group is then methylated by O-methyl transferase (OMT) to give ferulate which is conjugated to coenzyme A by 4-coumarate:CoA ligase (4CL) to form feruloyl-CoA. Reduction of feruloyl-CoA to coniferaldehyde is catalyzed by cinnamoyl-CoA reductase (CCR). Coniferaldehyde is further reduced by the action of cinnamyl alcohol dehydrogenase (CAD) to give coniferyl alcohol which is then converted into its glucosylated form for export from the cytoplasm to the cell wall by coniferol glucosyl transferase (CGT). Following export, the de-glucosylated form of coniferyl alcohol is obtained by the action of coniferin *beta*-glucosidase (CBG). Finally, polymerization of the three monolignols to provide lignin is catalyzed by phenolase (PNL), laccase (LAC) and peroxidase (POX).

The formation of sinapyl alcohol involves an additional enzyme, ferulate-5-hydroxylase (F5H). For a more detailed review of the lignin biosynthetic pathway, see: Whetton, R. and Sederoff, R., The Plant Cell, 7:1001-1013 (1995).

Quantitative and qualitative modifications in plant lignin content are known to be induced by external factors such as light stimulation, low calcium levels and mechanical stress. Synthesis of new types of lignins, sometimes in tissues not normally lignified, can also be induced by infection with pathogens. In addition to lignin, several other classes of plant products are derived from phenylalanine, including flavonoids, coumarins, stilbenes and benzoic acid derivatives, with the initial steps in the synthesis of all these compounds being the same. Thus modification of the action of PAL, C4H and 4CL may affect the synthesis of other plant products in addition to lignin.

Using the methods and materials of the present invention, the lignin content of a plant can be increased by incorporating additional copies of genes encoding enzymes involved in the lignin biosynthetic pathway into the genome of the target plant. Similarly, a decrease in lignin content can be obtained by transforming the target plant 5 with antisense copies of such genes. In addition, the number of copies of genes encoding for different enzymes in the lignin biosynthetic pathway can be manipulated to modify the relative amount of each monolignol synthesized, thereby leading to the formation of lignin having altered composition. The alteration of lignin composition would be advantageous, for example, in tree processing for paper, and may also be 10 effective in altering the palatability of wood materials to rotting fungi.

In one embodiment, the present invention provides isolated complete or partial DNA sequences encoding, or partially encoding, enzymes involved in the lignin biosynthetic pathway, the DNA sequences being obtainable from eucalyptus and pine. Specifically, the present invention provides isolated DNA sequences encoding the 15 enzymes CAD (SEQ ID NO: 1, 30), PAL (SEQ ID NO: 16), C4H (SEQ ID NO: 17), C3H (SEQ ID NO: 18), F5H (SEQ ID NO: 19-21), OMT (SEQ ID NO: 22-25), CCR (SEQ ID NO: 26-29), CGT (SEQ ID NO: 31-33), CBG (SEQ ID NO: 34), PNL (SEQ ID NO: 35, 36), LAC (SEQ ID NO: 37-41) and POX (SEQ ID NO: 42-44) from *Eucalyptus grandis*; and the enzymes C4H (SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 48, 49), C3H (SEQ ID NO: 4, 50-52), PNL (SEQ ID NO: 5, 81), OMT (SEQ ID NO: 6, 53-55), CAD (SEQ ID NO: 7, 71), CCR (SEQ ID NO: 8, 58-70), PAL (SEQ ID NO: 9-11, 45-47), 4CL (SEQ ID NO: 12, 56, 57), CGT (SEQ ID NO: 72), CBG (SEQ ID NO: 73-80), LAC (SEQ ID NO: 82-84) and POX (SEQ ID NO: 13, 85-88) from *Pinus radiata*. Complements of such isolated DNA sequences, reverse complements of such isolated DNA sequences and reverse sequences of such isolated DNA sequences, together with variants of such sequences, are also provided. DNA sequences encompassed by the present invention include cDNA, genomic DNA, recombinant DNA and wholly or partially chemically synthesized DNA molecules.

The definition of the terms "complement", "reverse complement" and "reverse sequence", as used herein, is best illustrated by the following example. For the sequence 5' AGGACC 3', the complement, reverse complement and reverse sequence are as follows:

complement	3' TCCTGG 5'
reverse complement	3' GGTCCCT 5'
reverse sequence	5' CCAGGA 3'.

As used herein, the term "variant" covers any sequence which exhibits at least
5 about 50%, more preferably at least about 70% and, more preferably yet, at least
about 90% identity to a sequence of the present invention. Most preferably, a
"variant" is any sequence which has at least about a 99% probability of being the
same as the inventive sequence. The probability for DNA sequences is measured by
the computer algorithm FASTA (version 2.0u4, February 1996; Pearson W. R. et al.
10 Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 85:2444-2448, 1988), the probability for translated DNA
sequences is measured by the computer algorithm TBLASTX and that for protein
sequences is measured by the computer algorithm BLASTP (Altschul, S. F. et al. J.
Mol. Biol., 215:403-410, 1990). The term "variants" thus encompasses sequences
wherein the probability of finding a match by chance (smallest sum probability) in a
15 database, is less than about 1% as measured by any of the above tests.

Variants of the isolated sequences from other eucalyptus and pine species, as
well as from other commercially important species utilized by the lumber industry,
are contemplated. These include the following gymnosperms, by way of example:
loblolly pine *Pinus taeda*, slash pine *Pinus elliotti*, sand pine *Pinus clausa*, longleaf pine
20 *Pinus palustris*, shortleaf pine *Pinus echinata*, ponderosa pine *Pinus ponderosa*, Jeffrey
pine *Pinus jeffreyi*, red pine *Pinus resinosa*, pitch pine *Pinus rigida*, jack pine *Pinus*
banksiana, pond pine *Pinus serotina*, Eastern white pine *Pinus strobus*, Western white
pine *Pinus monticola*, sugar pine *Pinus lambertiana*, Virginia pine *Pinus virginiana*,
lodgepole pine *Pinus contorta*, Caribbean pine *Pinus caribaea*, *P. pinaster*, Calabrian
25 pine *P. brutia*, Afghan pine *P. eldarica*, Coulter pine *P. coulteri*, European pine *P.*
nigra and *P. sylvestris*; Douglas-fir *Pseudotsuga menziesii*; the hemlocks which include
Western hemlock *Tsuga heterophylla*, Eastern hemlock *Tsuga canadensis*, Mountain
hemlock *Tsuga mertensiana*; the spruces which include the Norway spruce *Picea abies*,
red spruce *Picea rubens*, white spruce *Picea glauca*, black spruce *Picea mariana*, Sitka
30 spruce *Picea sitchensis*, Englemann spruce *Picea engelmanni*, and blue spruce *Picea*
pungens; redwood *Sequoia sempervirens*; the true firs include the Alpine fir *Abies*
lasiocarpa, silver fir *Abies amabilis*, grand fir *Abies grandis*, noble fir *Abies procera*,
white fir *Abies concolor*, California red fir *Abies magnifica*, and balsam fir *Abies*
balsamea, the cedars which include the Western red cedar *Thuja plicata*, incense

cedar *libocedrus decurrens*, Northern white cedar *Thuja occidentalis*, Port Orford cedar *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*, Atlantic white cedar *Chamaecyparis thyoides*, Alaska yellow-cedar *Chamaecyparis nootkatensis*, and Eastern red cedar *Huniperus virginiana*; the larches which include Eastern larch *Larix laricina*, Western larch *Larix occidentalis*, European larch *Larix decidua*, Japanese larch *Larix leptolepis*, and Siberian larch *Larix siberica*; bald cypress *Taxodium distichum* and Giant sequoia *Sequoia gigantea*;

5 and the following angiosperms, by way of example:

Eucalyptus alba. *E. bancroftii*. *E. botyroides*. *E. bridgesiana*. *E. calophylla*. *E. camaldulensis*. *E. citriodora*. *E. cladocalyx*. *E. coccifera*. *E. curtisii*. *E. dalrympleana*. *E. deglupta*. *E. delagatensis*. *E. diversicolor*. *E. dunnii*. *E. ficifolia*. *E. globulus*. *E. gomphiocephala*. *E. gunnii*. *E. henryi*. *E. laevopinea*. *E. macarthurii*. *E. macrorhyncha*. *E. maculata*. *E. marginata*. *E. megacarpa*. *E. melliodora*. *E. nicholii*. *E. nitens*. *E. novanglica*. *E. obliqua*. *E. obtusiflora*. *E. oreades*. *E. pauciflora*. *E. polybractea*. *E. regnans*.
10 *E. resinifera*. *E. robusta*. *E. rufida*. *E. saligna*. *E. sideroxylon*. *E. stuartiana*. *E. tereticornis*.
E. torelliana. *E. urnigera*. *E. urophylla*. *E. viminalis*. *E. viridis*. *E. wandoo* and *E. youmanni*.

The inventive DNA sequences may be isolated by high throughput sequencing of cDNA libraries such as those prepared from *Eucalyptus grandis* and *Pinus radiata* as described below in Examples 1 and 2. Alternatively, oligonucleotide probes based on the sequences provided in SEQ ID NO: 1-13 and 16-88 can be synthesized and used to identify positive clones in either cDNA or genomic DNA libraries from *Eucalyptus grandis* and *Pinus radiata*, or from other gymnosperms and angiosperms including those identified above, by means of hybridization or PCR techniques.
20 Probes can be shorter than the sequences provided herein but should be at least about 10, preferably at least about 15 and most preferably at least about 20 nucleotides in length. Hybridization and PCR techniques suitable for use with such oligonucleotide probes are well known in the art. Positive clones may be analyzed by restriction enzyme digestion, DNA sequencing or the like.

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In addition, the DNA sequences of the present invention may be generated by synthetic means using techniques well known in the art. Equipment for automated synthesis of oligonucleotides is commercially available from suppliers such as Perkin Elmer/Applied Biosystems Division (Foster City, CA) and may be operated according to the manufacturer's instructions.

In one embodiment, the DNA constructs of the present invention include an open reading frame coding for at least a functional portion of an enzyme encoded by a nucleotide sequence of the present invention or a variant thereof. As used herein, the "functional portion" of an enzyme is that portion which contains the active site essential for affecting the metabolic step, *i.e.* the portion of the molecule that is capable of binding one or more reactants or is capable of improving or regulating the rate of reaction. The active site may be made up of separate portions present on one or more polypeptide chains and will generally exhibit high substrate specificity. The term "enzyme encoded by a nucleotide sequence" as used herein, includes enzymes encoded by a nucleotide sequence which includes the partial isolated DNA sequences of the present invention.

For applications where amplification of lignin synthesis is desired, the open reading frame is inserted in the DNA construct in a sense orientation, such that transformation of a target plant with the DNA construct will lead to an increase in the number of copies of the gene and therefore an increase in the amount of enzyme. When down-regulation of lignin synthesis is desired, the open reading frame is inserted in the DNA construct in an antisense orientation, such that the RNA produced by transcription of the DNA sequence is complementary to the endogenous mRNA sequence. This, in turn, will result in a decrease in the number of copies of the gene and therefore a decrease in the amount of enzyme. Alternatively, regulation can be achieved by inserting appropriate sequences or subsequences (e.g. DNA or RNA) in ribozyme constructs.

In a second embodiment, the inventive DNA constructs comprise a nucleotide sequence including a non-coding region of a gene coding for an enzyme encoded by a DNA sequence of the present invention, or a nucleotide sequence complementary to such a non-coding region. As used herein the term "non-coding region" includes both transcribed sequences which are not translated, and non-transcribed sequences within about 2000 base pairs 5' or 3' of the translated sequences or open reading frames. Examples of non-coding regions which may be usefully employed in the inventive constructs include introns and 5'-non-coding leader sequences. Transformation of a target plant with such a DNA construct may lead to a reduction in the amount of lignin synthesized by the plant by the process of cosuppression, in a manner similar to that

discussed, for example, by Napoli et al. (Plant Cell 2:279-290, 1990) and de Carvalho Niebel et al. (Plant Cell 7:347-358, 1995).

The DNA constructs of the present invention further comprise a gene promoter sequence and a gene termination sequence, operably linked to the DNA sequence to be transcribed, which control expression of the gene. The gene promoter sequence is generally positioned at the 5' end of the DNA sequence to be transcribed, and is employed to initiate transcription of the DNA sequence. Gene promoter sequences are generally found in the 5' non-coding region of a gene but they may exist in introns (Luehrs, K. R., Mol. Gen. Genet. 225:81-93, 1991) or in the coding region, as for example in PAL of tomato (Bloksberg, 1991, Studies on the Biology of Phenylalanine Ammonia Lyase and Plant Pathogen Interaction. Ph.D. Thesis, Univ. of California, Davis, University Microfilms International order number 9217564). When the construct includes an open reading frame in a sense orientation, the gene promoter sequence also initiates translation of the open reading frame. For DNA constructs comprising either an open reading frame in an antisense orientation or a non-coding region, the gene promoter sequence consists only of a transcription initiation site having a RNA polymerase binding site.

A variety of gene promoter sequences which may be usefully employed in the DNA constructs of the present invention are well known in the art. The promoter gene sequence, and also the gene termination sequence, may be endogenous to the target plant host or may be exogenous, provided the promoter is functional in the target host. For example, the promoter and termination sequences may be from other plant species, plant viruses, bacterial plasmids and the like. Preferably, gene promoter and termination sequences are from the inventive sequences themselves.

Factors influencing the choice of promoter include the desired tissue specificity of the construct, and the timing of transcription and translation. For example, constitutive promoters, such as the 35S Cauliflower Mosaic Virus (CaMV 35S) promoter, will affect the activity of the enzyme in all parts of the plant. Use of a tissue specific promoter will result in production of the desired sense or antisense RNA only in the tissue of interest. With DNA constructs employing inducible gene promoter sequences, the rate of RNA polymerase binding and initiation can be modulated by external stimuli, such as light, heat, anaerobic stress, alteration in nutrient conditions

and the like. Temporally regulated promoters can be employed to effect modulation of the rate of RNA polymerase binding and initiation at a specific time during development of a transformed cell. Preferably, the original promoters from the enzyme gene in question, or promoters from a specific tissue-targeted gene in the organism to be transformed, such as eucalyptus or pine are used. Other examples of gene promoters which may be usefully employed in the present invention include, mannopine synthase (mas), octopine synthase (ocs) and those reviewed by Chua et al. (Science, 244:174-181, 1989).

The gene termination sequence, which is located 3' to the DNA sequence to be transcribed, may come from the same gene as the gene promoter sequence or may be from a different gene. Many gene termination sequences known in the art may be usefully employed in the present invention, such as the 3' end of the *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* nopaline synthase gene. However, preferred gene terminator sequences are those from the original enzyme gene or from the target species to be transformed.

The DNA constructs of the present invention may also contain a selection marker that is effective in plant cells, to allow for the detection of transformed cells containing the inventive construct. Such markers, which are well known in the art, typically confer resistance to one or more toxins. One example of such a marker is the NPTII gene whose expression results in resistance to kanamycin or hygromycin, antibiotics which is usually toxic to plant cells at a moderate concentration (Rogers et al. in Methods for Plant Molecular Biology, A. Weissbach and H. Weissbach, eds., Academic Press Inc., San Diego, CA (1988)). Alternatively, the presence of the desired construct in transformed cells can be determined by means of other techniques well known in the art, such as Southern and Western blots.

Techniques for operatively linking the components of the inventive DNA constructs are well known in the art and include the use of synthetic linkers containing one or more restriction endonuclease sites as described, for example, by Maniatis et al., (*Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, 1989). The DNA construct of the present invention may be linked to a vector having at least one replication system, for example, *E. coli*, whereby after each manipulation, the resulting construct can be cloned and sequenced and the correctness of the manipulation determined.

The DNA constructs of the present invention may be used to transform a variety of plants, both monocotyledonous (e.g. grasses, corn, grains, oat, wheat and barley), dicotyledonous (e.g. *Arabidopsis*, tobacco, legumes, alfalfa, oaks, eucalyptus, maple), and Gymnosperms (e.g. Scots pine (Aronen, Finnish Forest Res. Papers, vol. 595, 5 1996), white spruce (Ellis et al., Biotechnology 11:94-92, 1993), larch (Huang et al., In Vitro Cell 27:201-207, 1991). In a preferred embodiment, the inventive DNA constructs are employed to transform woody plants, herein defined as a tree or shrub whose stem lives for a number of years and increases in diameter each year by the addition of woody tissue. Preferably the target plant is selected from the group 10 consisting of eucalyptus and pine species, most preferably from the group consisting of *Eucalyptus grandis* and *Pinus radiata*. As discussed above, transformation of a plant with a DNA construct including an open reading frame coding for an enzyme encoded by an inventive DNA sequence wherein the open reading frame is orientated in a sense direction will lead to an increase in lignin content of the plant or, in some cases, to a 15 decrease by cosuppression. Transformation of a plant with a DNA construct comprising an open reading frame in an antisense orientation or a non-coding (untranslated) region of a gene will lead to a decrease in the lignin content of the transformed plant.

Techniques for stably incorporating DNA constructs into the genome of target 20 plants are well known in the art and include *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* mediated introduction, electroporation, protoplast fusion, injection into reproductive organs, injection into immature embryos, high velocity projectile introduction and the like. The choice of technique will depend upon the target plant to be transformed. For example, dicotyledonous plants and certain monocots and gymnosperms may be transformed by 25 *Agrobacterium* Ti plasmid technology, as described, for example by Bevan (Nucl. Acid Res. 12:8711-8721, 1984). Targets for the introduction of the DNA constructs of the present invention include tissues, such as leaf tissue, disseminated cells, protoplasts, seeds, embryos, meristematic regions; cotyledons, hypocotyls, and the like. One preferred method for transforming eucalyptus and pine is a biolistic method using 30 pollen (see, for example, Aronen 1996, Finnish Forest Res. Papers vol. 595, 53pp) or easily regenerable embryonic tissues. Other transformation techniques which may be usefully employed in the inventive methods include those taught by Ellis et al. (Plant

Cell Reports, 8:16-20, 1989), Wilson et al. (Plant Cell Reports 7:704-707, 1989) and Tautorus et al. (Theor. Appl. Genet. 78:531-536, 1989).

Once the cells are transformed, cells having the inventive DNA construct incorporated in their genome may be selected by means of a marker, such as the kanamycin resistance marker discussed above. Transgenic cells may then be cultured in an appropriate medium to regenerate whole plants, using techniques well known in the art. In the case of protoplasts, the cell wall is allowed to reform under appropriate osmotic conditions. In the case of seeds or embryos, an appropriate germination or callus initiation medium is employed. For explants, an appropriate regeneration medium is used. Regeneration of plants is well established for many species. For a review of regeneration of forest trees see Dunstan et al., Somatic embryogenesis in woody plants. In: Thorpe, T.A. ed., 1995: in vitro embryogenesis of plants. Vol. 20 in Current Plant Science and Biotechnology in Agriculture, Chapter 12, pp. 471-540. Specific protocols for the regeneration of spruce are discussed by Roberts et al., (Somatic Embryogenesis of Spruce. In: *Synseed. Applications of synthetic seed to crop improvement*. Redenbaugh, K., ed. CRC Press, Chapter 23, pp. 427-449, 1993). The resulting transformed plants may be reproduced sexually or asexually, using methods well known in the art, to give successive generations of transgenic plants.

As discussed above, the production of RNA in target plant cells can be controlled by choice of the promoter sequence, or by selecting the number of functional copies or the site of integration of the DNA sequences incorporated into the genome of the target plant host. A target plant may be transformed with more than one DNA construct of the present invention, thereby modulating the lignin biosynthetic pathway for the activity of more than one enzyme, affecting enzyme activity in more than one tissue or affecting enzyme activity at more than one expression time. Similarly, a DNA construct may be assembled containing more than one open reading frame coding for an enzyme encoded by a DNA sequence of the present invention or more than one non-coding region of a gene coding for such an enzyme. The DNA sequences of the present inventive may also be employed in combination with other known sequences encoding enzymes involved in the lignin biosynthetic pathway. In this manner, it may be possible to add a lignin biosynthetic pathway to a non-woody plant to produce a new woody plant.

The isolated DNA sequences of the present invention may also be employed as probes to isolate DNA sequences encoding enzymes involved in the lignin synthetic pathway from other plant species, using techniques well known to those of skill in the art.

5 The following examples are offered by way of illustration and not by way of limitation.

Example I

Isolation and Characterization of cDNA Clones from *Eucalyptus grandis*

10 Two *Eucalyptus grandis* cDNA expression libraries (one from a mixture of various tissues from a single tree and one from leaves of a single tree) were constructed and screened as follows.

mRNA was extracted from the plant tissue using the protocol of Chang *et al.* (Plant Molecular Biology Reporter 11:113-116 (1993)) with minor modifications. 15 Specifically, samples were dissolved in CPC-RNAXB (100 mM Tris-Cl, pH 8.0; 25 mM EDTA; 2.0 M NaCl; 2%CTAB; 2% PVP and 0.05% Spermidine*3 HCl)and extracted with Chloroform:isoamyl alcohol, 24:1. mRNA was precipitated with ethanol and the total RNA preparate was purified using a Poly(A) Quik mRNA Isolation Kit (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA). A cDNA expression library was constructed from the 20 purified mRNA by reverse transcriptase synthesis followed by insertion of the resulting cDNA clones in Lambda ZAP using a ZAP Express cDNA Synthesis Kit (Stratagene), according to the manufacturer's protocol. The resulting cDNAs were packaged using a Gigapack II Packaging Extract (Stratagene) employing 1 µl of sample DNA from the 5 µl ligation mix. Mass excision of the library was done using XL1-Blue MRF' cells and 25 XLOLR cells (Stratagene) with ExAssist helper phage (Stratagene). The excised phagemids were diluted with NZY broth (Gibco BRL, Gaithersburg, MD) and plated out onto LB-kanamycin agar plates containing X-gal and isopropylthio-beta-galactoside (IPTG).

30 Of the colonies plated and picked for DNA miniprep, 99% contained an insert suitable for sequencing. Positive colonies were cultured in NZY broth with kanamycin and cDNA was purified by means of alkaline lysis and polyethylene glycol (PEG) precipitation. Agarose gel at 1% was used to screen sequencing templates for

chromosomal contamination. Dye primer sequences were prepared using a Turbo Catalyst 800 machine (Perkin Elmer/Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) according to the manufacturer's protocol.

DNA sequence for positive clones was obtained using an Applied Biosystems 5 Prism 377 sequencer. cDNA clones were sequenced first from both the 5' end and, in some cases, also from the 3' end. For some clones, internal sequence was obtained using subcloned fragments. Subcloning was performed using standard procedures of restriction mapping and subcloning to pBluescript II SK+ vector.

The determined cDNA sequence was compared to known sequences in the 10 EMBL database (release 46, March 1996) using the FASTA algorithm of February 1996 (version 2.0u4) (available on the Internet at the ftp site <ftp://ftp.virginia.edu/pub/fasta/>). Multiple alignments of redundant sequences were used to build up reliable consensus sequences. Based on similarity to known sequences from other plant species, the isolated DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1) was identified as 15 encoding a CAD enzyme.

In further studies, using the procedure described above, cDNA sequences encoding the following *Eucalyptus grandis* enzymes were isolated: PAL (SEQ ID NO: 16); C4H (SEQ ID NO: 17); C3H (SEQ ID NO: 18); F5H (SEQ ID NO: 19-21); OMT (SEQ ID NO: 22-25); CCR (SEQ ID NO: 26-29); CAD (SEQ ID NO: 30); CGT (SEQ 20 ID NO: 31-33); CBG (SEQ ID NO: 34); PNL (SEQ ID NO: 35, 36); LAC (SEQ ID NO: 37-41); and POX (SEQ ID NO: 42-44).

Example 2

Isolation and Characterization of cDNA Clones from *Pinus radiata*

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a) Isolation of cDNA clones by high through-put screening

A *Pinus radiata* cDNA expression library was constructed from xylem and screened as described above in Example 1. DNA sequence for positive clones was obtained using forward and reverse primers on an Applied Biosystems Prism 377 30 sequencer and the determined sequences were compared to known sequences in the database as described above.

Based on similarity to known sequences from other plant species, the isolated DNA sequences were identified as encoding the enzymes C4H (SEQ ID NO: 2 and 3), C3H (SEQ ID NO: 4), PNL (SEQ ID NO: 5), OMT (SEQ ID NO: 6), CAD (SEQ ID NO: 7), CCR (SEQ ID NO: 8), PAL (SEQ ID NO: 9-11) and 4CL (SEQ ID NO: 12).

5 In further studies, using the procedure described above, additional cDNA clones encoding the following *Pinus radiata* enzymes were isolated: PAL (SEQ ID NO: 45-47); C4H (SEQ ID NO: 48, 49); C3H (SEQ ID NO: 50-52); OMT (SEQ ID NO: 53-55); 4CL (SEQ ID NO: 56, 57); CCR (SEQ ID NO: 58-70); CAD (SEQ ID NO: 71); CGT (SEQ ID NO: 72); CBG (SEQ ID NO: 73-80); PNL (SEQ ID NO: 81); LAC
10 (SEQ ID NO: 82-84); and POX (SEQ ID NO: 85-88).

b) Isolation of cDNA clones by PCR

Two PCR probes, hereinafter referred to as LNB010 and LNB011 (SEQ ID NO: 14 and 15, respectively) were designed based on conserved domains in the following 15 peroxidase sequences previously identified in other species: vanpox, hvupox6, taepox, hvupox1, osapox, ntopox2, ntopox1, lespox, pokpox, luspox, athpox, hrpox, spopox, and tvepox (Genbank accession nos. D11337, M83671, X56011, X58396, X66125, J02979, D11396, X71593, D11102, L07554, M58381, X57564, Z22920, and Z31011, respectively).

20 RNA was isolated from pine xylem and first strand cDNA was synthesized as described above. This cDNA was subjected to PCR using 4 µM LNB010, 4 µM LNB011, 1 x Kogen's buffer, 0.1 mg/ml BSA, 200 mM dNTP, 2 mM Mg²⁺, and 0.1 U/µl of Taq polymerase (Gibco BRL). Conditions were 2 cycles of 2 min at 94 °C, 1 min at 55 °C and 1 min at 72 °C; 25 cycles of 1 min at 94 °C, 1 min at 55 °C, and 1 min 25 at 72 °C; and 18 cycles of 1 min at 94 °C, 1 min at 55 °C, and 3 min at 72 °C in a Stratagene Robocycler. The gene was re-amplified in the same manner. A band of about 200 bp was purified from a TAE agarose gel using a Schleicher & Schuell Elu-Quik DNA purification kit and clones into a T-tailed pBluescript vector (Marchuk D. et al., Nucleic Acids Res. 19:1154, 1991). Based on similarity to known sequences, the 30 isolated gene (SEQ ID NO: 13) was identified as encoding pine peroxidase (POX).

Example 3Use of an O-methyltransferase (OMT) Gene to Modify Lignin Biosynthesis5 a) Transformation of tobacco plants with a *Pinus radiata* OMT gene

Sense and anti-sense constructs containing a sequence including the coding region of OMT (SEQ ID NO: 53) from *Pinus radiata* were inserted into *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* LBA4301 (provided as a gift by Dr. C. Kado, University of California, Davis, CA) by direct transformation using published methods (see, An G, Ebert PR, 10 Mitra A, Ha SB: Binary Vectors. In: Gelvin SB, Schilperoort RA (eds) Plant Molecular Biology Manual, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht (1988)). The presence and integrity of the transgenic constructs were verified by restriction digestion and DNA sequencing.

Tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum* cv. Samsun) leaf sections were transformed using 15 the method of Horsch et al. (Science, 227:1229-1231, 1985). Five independent transformed plant lines were established for the sense construct and eight independent transformed plant lines were established for the anti-sense construct for OMT. Transformed plants containing the appropriate lignin gene construct were verified using Southern blot experiments. A "+" in the column labeled "Southern" in Table 1 below 20 indicates that the transformed plant lines were confirmed as independent transformed lines.

b) Expression of *Pinus* OMT in transformed plants

Total RNA was isolated from each independent transformed plant line created 25 with the OMT sense and anti-sense constructs. The RNA samples were analysed in Northern blot experiments to determine the level of expression of the transgene in each transformed line. The data shown in the column labeled "Northern" in Table 1 shows that the transformed plant lines containing the sense and anti-sense constructs for OMT all exhibited high levels of expression, relative to the background on the Northern blots. 30 OMT expression in sense plant line number 2 was not measured because the RNA sample showed signs of degradation. There was no detectable hybridisation to RNA samples from empty vector-transformed control plants.

c) Modulation of OMT enzyme activity in transformed plants

The total activity of OMT enzyme, encoded by the *Pinus* OMT gene and by the endogenous tobacco OMT gene, in transformed tobacco plants was analysed for each transformed plant line created with the OMT sense and anti-sense constructs. Crude protein extracts were prepared from each transformed plant and assayed using the method of Zhang et al. (*Plant Physiol.*, 113:65-74, 1997). The data contained in the column labeled "Enzyme" in Table 1 shows that the transformed plant lines containing the OMT sense construct generally had elevated OMT enzyme activity, with a maximum of 199%, whereas the transformed plant lines containing the OMT anti-sense construct generally had reduced OMT enzyme activity, with a minimum of 35%, relative to empty vector-transformed control plants. OMT enzyme activity was not estimated in sense plant line number 3.

d) Effects of *Pinus* OMT on lignin concentration in transformed plants

The concentration of lignin in the transformed tobacco plants was determined using the well-established procedure of thioglycolic acid extraction (see, Freudenberg et al. in "Constitution and Biosynthesis of Lignin", Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 1968). Briefly, whole tobacco plants, of an average age of 38 days, were frozen in liquid nitrogen and ground to a fine powder in a mortar and pestle. 100 mg of frozen powder from one empty vector-transformed control plant line, the five independent transformed plant lines containing the sense construct for OMT and the eight independent transformed plant lines containing the anti-sense construct for OMT were extracted individually with methanol, followed by 10% thioglycolic acid and finally dissolved in 1 M NaOH. The final extracts were assayed for absorbance at 280 nm. The data shown in the column labelled "TGA" in Table 1 shows that the transformed plant lines containing the sense and the anti-sense OMT gene constructs all exhibited significantly decreased levels of lignin, relative to the empty vector-transformed control plant lines.

Table 1

<u>plant line</u>	<u>transgene orientation</u>	<u>Southern</u>	<u>Northern</u>	<u>Enzyme</u>	<u>TGA</u>
5					
1	control	na	+	blank	100
1	OMT	sense	+	2.9E+6	86
2	OMT	sense	+	na	162
3	OMT	sense	+	4.1E+6	na
10	4	OMT	sense	+	2.3E+6
5	OMT	sense	+	3.6E+5	199
1	OMT	anti-sense	+	1.6E+4	189
2	OMT	anti-sense	+	5.7E+3	35
3	OMT	anti-sense	+	8.0E+3	105
15	4	OMT	anti-sense	+	1.4E+4
5	OMT	anti-sense	+	2.5E+4	87
6	OMT	anti-sense	+	2.5E+4	58
7	OMT	anti-sense	+	2.5E+4	97
8	OMT	anti-sense	+	1.1E+4	151
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These data clearly indicate that lignin concentration, as measured by the TGA assay, can be directly manipulated by either sense or anti-sense expression of a lignin biosynthetic gene such as OMT.

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Example 4Use of a 4-Coumarate:CoA ligase (4CL) Gene to Modify Lignin Biosynthesisa) Transformation of tobacco plants with a *Pinus radiata* 4CL gene

30 Sense and anti-sense constructs containing a sequence including the coding region of 4CL (SEQ ID NO: 56) from *Pinus radiata* were inserted into *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* LBA4301 by direct transformation as described above. The presence and integrity of the transgenic constructs were verified by restriction digestion and DNA sequencing.

35 Tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum* cv. Samsun) leaf sections were transformed as described above. Five independent transformed plant lines were established for the sense construct and eight independent transformed plant lines were established for the anti-sense construct for 4CL. Transformed plants containing the appropriate lignin gene construct were verified using Southern blot experiments. A "+" in the column

labeled "Southern" in Table 2 indicates that the transformed plant lines listed were confirmed as independent transformed lines.

b) Expression of *Pinus* 4CL in transformed plants

5 Total RNA was isolated from each independent transformed plant line created with the 4CL sense and anti-sense constructs. The RNA samples were analysed in Northern blot experiments to determine the level of expression of the transgene in each transformed line. The data shown in the column labelled "Northern" in Table 2 below shows that the transformed plant lines containing the sense and anti-sense constructs for
10 4CL all exhibit high levels of expression, relative to the background on the Northern blots. 4CL expression in anti-sense plant line number 1 was not measured because the RNA was not available at the time of the experiment. There was no detectable hybridisation to RNA samples from empty vector-transformed control plants.

15 **c) Modulation of 4CL enzyme activity in transformed plants**

The total activity of 4CL enzyme, encoded by the *Pinus* 4CL gene and by the endogenous tobacco 4CL gene, in transformed tobacco plants was analysed for each transformed plant line created with the 4CL sense and anti-sense constructs. Crude protein extracts were prepared from each transformed plant and assayed using the
20 method of Zhang et al. (*Plant Physiol.*, 113:65-74, 1997). The data contained in the column labeled "Enzyme" in Table 2 shows that the transformed plant lines containing the 4CL sense construct had elevated 4CL enzyme activity, with a maximum of 258%, and the transformed plant lines containing the 4CL anti-sense construct had reduced 4CL enzyme activity, with a minimum of 59%, relative to empty vector-transformed
25 control plants.

d) Effects of *Pinus* 4CL on lignin concentration in transformed plants

The concentration of lignin in samples of transformed plant material was determined as described in Example 3. The data shown in the column labelled "TGA" in Table 2 shows that the transformed plant lines containing the sense and the anti-sense 4CL gene constructs all exhibited significantly decreased levels of lignin, relative to the empty vector-transformed control plant lines. These data clearly indicate that

lignin concentration, as measured by the TGA assay, can be directly manipulated by either sense or anti-sense expression of a lignin biosynthetic gene such as 4CL.

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Table 2

	plant line	transgene	orientation	Southern	Northern	Enzyme	TGA	
10	1	control	na	+	blank	100	92	
	2	control	na	+	blank	100	104	
	1	4CL	sense	+	2.3E+4	169	64	
	2	4CL	sense	+	4.5E+4	258	73	
	3	4CL	sense	+	3.1E+4	174	77	
	4	4CL	sense	+	1.7E+4	164	80	
	15	5	4CL	sense	+	1.6E+4	184	92
	1	4CL	anti-sense	+	na	59	75	
	2	4CL	anti-sense	+	1.0E+4	70	75	
	3	4CL	anti-sense	+	9.6E+3	81	80	
20	4	4CL	anti-sense	+	1.2E+4	90	83	
	5	4CL	anti-sense	+	4.7E+3	101	88	
	6	4CL	anti-sense	+	3.9E+3	116	89	
	7	4CL	anti-sense	+	1.8E+3	125	94	
	8	4CL	anti-sense	+	1.7E+4	106	97	

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Example 5Transformation of Tobacco using the Inventive Lignin Biosynthetic Genes

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Sense and anti-sense constructs containing sequences including the coding regions of C3H (SEQ ID NO: 18), F5H (SEQ ID NO: 19), CCR (SEQ ID NO: 25) and CGT (SEQ ID NO: 31) from *Eucalyptus grandis*, and PAL (SEQ ID NO: 45 and 47), C4H (SEQ ID NO: 48 and 49), PNL (SEQ ID NO: 81) and LAC (SEQ ID NO: 83) from *Pinus radiata* were inserted into *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* LBA4301 by direct transformation as described above. The presence and integrity of the transgenic constructs were verified by restriction digestion and DNA sequencing.

Tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum* cv. Samsun) leaf sections were transformed as described in Example 3. Up to twelve independent transformed plant lines were established for each sense construct and each anti-sense construct listed in the preceding paragraph. Transformed plants containing the appropriate lignin gene

construct were verified using Southern blot experiments. All of the transformed plant lines analysed were confirmed as independent transformed lines.

Example 6

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Manipulation of Lignin Content in Transformed Plants

a) Determination of transgene expression by Northern blot experiments

Total RNA was isolated from each independent transformed plant line described in
10 Example 5. The RNA samples were analysed in Northern blot experiments to determine the level of expression of the transgene in each transformed line. The column labelled "Northern" in Table 3 shows the level of transgene expression for all plant lines assayed, relative to the background on the Northern blots. There was no detectable hybridisation to RNA samples from empty vector-transformed control
15 plants.

b) Determination of lignin concentration in transformed plants

The concentration of lignin in empty vector-transformed control plant lines and in up to twelve independent transformed lines for each sense construct and each anti-sense construct described in Example 5 was determined as described in Example 3. The column labelled "TGA" in Table 3 shows the thioglycolic acid extractable lignins for all plant lines assayed, expressed as the average percentage of TGA extractable lignins in transformed plants versus control plants. The range of variation is shown in parentheses.

Table 3

	<u>transgene</u>	<u>orientation</u>	<u>no. of lines</u>	<u>Northern</u>	<u>TGA</u>
5	control	na	3	blank	100 (92-104)
	C3H	sense	5	3.7E+4	74 (67-85)
	F5H	sense	10	5.8E+4	70 (63-79)
	F5H	anti-sense	9	5.8E+4	73 (35-93)
10	CCR	sense	1	na	74
	CCR	anti-sense	2	na	74 (62-86)
	PAL	sense	5	1.9E+5	77 (71-86)
	PAL	anti-sense	4	1.5E+4	62 (37-77)
	C4H	anti-sense	10	5.8E+4	86 (52-113)
15	PNL	anti-sense	6	1.2E+4	88 (70-114)
	LAC	sense	5	1.7E+5	na
	LAC	anti-sense	12	1.7E+5	88 (73-114)

Transformed plant lines containing the sense and the anti-sense lignin biosynthetic gene constructs all exhibited significantly decreased levels of lignin, relative to the empty vector-transformed control plant lines. The most dramatic effects on lignin concentration were seen in the F5H anti-sense plants with as little as 35% of the amount of lignin in control plants, and in the PAL anti-sense plants with as little as 37% of the amount of lignin in control plants. These data clearly indicate that lignin concentration, as measured by the TGA assay, can be directly manipulated by conventional anti-sense methodology and also by sense over-expression using the inventive lignin biosynthetic genes.

Example 7

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Modulation of Lignin Enzyme Activity in Transformed Plants

The activities and substrate specificities of selected lignin biosynthetic enzymes were assayed in crude extracts from transformed tobacco plants containing sense and 35 anti-sense constructs for PAL (SEQ ID NO: 45), PNL (SEQ ID NO: 81) and LAC (SEQ ID NO: 83) from *Pinus radiata*, and CGT (SEQ ID NO: 31) from *Eucalyptus grandis*.

Enzyme assays were performed using published methods for PAL (Southerton, S.G. and Deverall, B.J., Plant Path. 39:223-230, 1990), CGT (Vellekoop, P. et al., 40 FEBS, 330:36-40, 1993), PNL (Espin, C.J. et al., Phytochemistry, 44:17-22, 1997) and

LAC (Bao, W. et al., Science, 260:672-674, 1993). The data shown in the column labelled "Enzyme" in Table 4 shows the average enzyme activity from replicate measures for all plant lines assayed, expressed as a percent of enzyme activity in empty vector-transformed control plants. The range of variation is shown in parentheses.

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Table 4

	<u>transgene</u>	<u>orientation</u>	<u>no. of lines</u>	<u>Enzyme</u>
10	control	na	3	100
	PAL	sense	5	87 (60-124)
	PAL	anti-sense	3	53 (38-80)
	CGT	anti-sense	1	89
	PNL	anti-sense	6	144 (41-279)
	LAC	sense	5	78 (16-240)
15	LAC	anti-sense	11	64 (14-106)

All of the transformed plant lines, except the PNL anti-sense transformed plant
20 lines, showed average lignin enzyme activities which were significantly lower than the activities observed in empty vector-transformed control plants. The most dramatic effects on lignin enzyme activities were seen in the PAL anti-sense transformed plant lines in which all of the lines showed reduced PAL activity and in the LAC anti-sense transformed plant lines which showed as little as 14% of the LAC activity in empty
25 vector-transformed control plant lines.

Example 8

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Functional Identification of Lignin Biosynthetic Genes

Sense constructs containing sequences including the coding regions for PAL (SEQ ID NO: 47), OMT (SEQ ID NO: 53), 4CL (SEQ ID NO: 56 and 57) and POX (SEQ ID NO: 86) from *Pinus radiata*, and OMT (SEQ ID NO: 23 and 24), CCR (SEQ 35 ID NO: 26-28), CGT (SEQ ID NO: 31 and 33) and POX (SEQ ID NO: 42 and 44) from *Eucalyptus grandis* were inserted into the commercially available protein expression vector, pProEX-1 (Gibco BRL). The resultant constructs were transformed into *E. coli* XL1-Blue (Stratagene), which were then induced to produce recombinant protein by the addition of IPTG. Purified proteins were produced for the *Pinus* OMT and 4CL 40 constructs and the *Eucalyptus* OMT and POX constructs using Ni column

chromatography (Janknecht, R. et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*, **88**:8972-8976, 1991). Enzyme assays for each of the purified proteins conclusively demonstrated the expected substrate specificity and enzymatic activity for the genes tested.

The data for two representative enzyme assay experiments, demonstrating the verification of the enzymatic activity of a *Pinus radiata* 4CL gene (SEQ ID NO: 56) and a *Pinus radiata* OMT gene (SEQ ID NO: 53), are shown in Table 5. For the 4CL enzyme, one unit equals the quantity of protein required to convert the substrate into product at the rate of 0.1 absorbance units per minute. For the OMT enzyme, one unit equals the quantity of protein required to convert 1 pmole of substrate to product per minute.

Table 5

transgene	purification step	total ml extract	total mg protein	total units activity	% yield activity	fold purification
4CL	crude	10 ml	51 mg	4200	100	1
	Ni column	4 ml	0.84 mg	3680	88	53
OMT	crude	10 ml	74 mg	4600	100	1
	Ni column	4 ml	1.2 mg	4487	98	60

The data shown in Table 5 indicate that both the purified 4CL enzyme and the purified OMT enzyme show high activity in enzyme assays, confirming the identification of the 4CL and OMT genes described in this application. Crude protein preparations from *E. coli* transformed with empty vector show no activity in either the 4CL or the OMT enzyme assay.

Although the present invention has been described in some detail by way of illustration and example for purposes of clarity of understanding, changes and modifications can be carried out without departing from the scope of the invention which is intended to be limited only by the scope of the appended claims.

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 AAGGCCCGTT TAGAGGAAGA GTTCCGAAG GCGAGGGAAC GATTCGATAA TGGGGACTTC
 300
 CCAATTGCAA ACAGAATAAA CAAGTGCAGG ACATATCCC TTTACAGATT CGTGAGATCA
 360
 GAGTTGGGAA CCGATTGCT AACAGGGCCC AAGTGGAGAA GCCCCGGCGA AGATATAGAA
 420
 AAGGTATTTG AGGGCATTG CCAAGGGAAA ATTGGAAACG TGATCCTCAA ATGTCCTGGAC
 480
 GCTTGGGGTG GGTGCGCTGG ACCATTCACT CCACGTGCAT ATCCTGCGTC TCCTGCAGCG
 540
 TTCAATGCCT CATATTGGC ATGGTTGAT AGCACCAAAT CACCCCTCTGC AACGAGCGGC
 600
 AGAGGTTTCT GGAGCGCCA ACAACAACAA GTTCTTGAT TTAACTGACT CTTAACGCATT
 660
 CCTAAACAGC TTGTTCTCG CAATAACGAA TCTTCATCT TCGTTACTTT GTAAAAGATG
 720
 GGGTTCCAAC AAAATAGAAG AAATATTTT GATCCAAAAA AAAAA
 765

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 453 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

TGATTATGCG GATCCTTGGG CAGGGATAACG GCATGACAGA AGCAGGGCCG GTGCTGGCAA
 60
 TGAACCTAGC CTTCGCAAAG AATCCTTCC CCGCCAAATC TGGCTCCTGC GGAACAGTCG
 120
 TCCGGAACGC TCAAATAAAAG ATCCTCGATT ACAGGAACGT GCGAGTCTCT CCCGCACAAT
 180
 CAAGCCGGCG AAATCTGCAT CCGCGGACCC GAAATAATGA AAGGATATAT TAACGACCCG
 240
 GAATCCACGG CCGCTACAAT CGATGAAGAA GGCTGGCTCC ACACAGGCAG CGTCGGGTAC
 300
 ATTGACGATG ACGAAGAAAT CTTCATAGTC GACAGAGTAA AGGAGATTAT CAATATAAAG
 360
 GCTTCCAGGT GGATCCTGCT AATCGAATTC CTGCAGCCG GGGGTCCACT AGTTCTAGAG
 420
 CGGCCGCCAC CGCGGTGGAG CTCCAGCTTT TGT
 453

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:13:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 278 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:13:

TCTTCGAATT CTCTTCACG ACTGCTTCGT TAATGGCTGC GATGGCTCGA TATTGTTAGA
 60
 TGATAACTCA ACGTTCACCG GAGAAAAGAC TGCAAGGCCA AATGTTAATT CTGCAGAGAGG
 120

ATTGACGTA ATAGACACCA TCAAAACTCA AGTTGAGGCA GCCTGCAGTG GTGTCGTGTC
180
AGTTGCCGAC ATTCTGCCA TTGCTGCACG CGATTCAGTC GTCCAAGTGG GGGGCCAAC
240
ATGGACGGTA CTTCTGGGAG AAAAGACGGA TCCGATCA
278

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 23 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:14:

CTTCGAATTC WYTTYCAYGA YTG
23

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:15:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 22 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:15:

GATCGGATCC RTCYYKYCTY CC
22

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:16:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 472 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:16:

AATTCGGCAC GAGACGACCT CTTGTATCGG ACCCGGATCC GCTATCGTTA ACGTACACAC
60
GTTCTAGTGC TGAATGGAGA TGGAGAGCAC CACCGGCACC GGCAACGGCC TTCACAGCCT
120
CTCGCCGCC GGGAGCCACC ATGCCGACCC ACTGAAGTGG GGGGCGGCGG CAGCAGCCCT
180
CACAGGGAGC CACCTCGACG AGGTGAAGCG GATGGTCGAG GAGTACCGGA GGCGGGCGGT
240
GGCCCTCGGC GGGGAGTCCC TCACGATAGC CCAGGTGGCG GCGGTGGCGA GTCAGGAGGG
300
GGTAGGGGTC GAGCTCTCGG AGGCGGCCCG TCCCAGGGTC AAGGCCAGCA GCGACTGGGT
360
CATGGAGAGC ATGAACAAGG GAACTGACAG CTACGGGTC ACCACCGGGT TCGGCAGCAA
420
CTTCTCAAAC CGGAGGCCGA AGCAAGGCGG TCCTTTTCAG AAGGAACCTTA TA
472

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:17:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 622 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:17:

CCAAAGCTCC TAGTGCCTCA TGAGTCTGCT GAGGATTGCA CAATTGGCGG GTTCGACGTG
 60 CCCCGAGGCA CCATGATCCT GGTAAATGCG TGGGCAATTG AAAGAGACCC AAAAGTGTGG
 120 GACGATCCCA CAAATTTAA ACCGGAGAGG TACCGAGGGAT TGGAAAGGTGA TCATGCCTAC
 180 CGACTATTGC CGTTTGGGAT GGGGAGGAGA AGTTGTCCTG GTGCTGGCCT TGCCAATAGA
 240 GTGGTGAGCT TGGTCCTGGC GGCGCTTATT CAGTGCTTCG AATGGGAACG AGTTGGCGAA
 300 GAATTGGTGG ACTTGTCCGA GGGGACGGGA CTCACAATGC CAAAGAGAGA GCCATTGGAG
 360 GCCTTGTGCA AAGCGCGTGA ATGCATGATA GCTAATGTT TTGCGCACCT TTAAGAAGGT
 420 CGTTGTCTAA TGAATTACA TTGGTGATGT ATCTCCAATG TTTTGAAATA ATCAAATAGA
 480 CTGAAAATAG GCCAGTGCAG CTTTAGGAAT GATCGTGAGC ATCAATAGCA TCCTGAGGAG
 540 GCCAATGCAG CTTTAGGCCT TTCTCTTAGG AGAAAAATGA TGGTTATAT AGGTACTGGC
 600 AACATTGTTCA AAAAAAAAAAA AA
 622

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:18:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 414 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:18:

CACGCTCGAC GAATTCGGTA CCCCAGGTTG GAAATCGATA AGCTTGGATC CAAAGCAACA
 60 CATTGAACTC TCTCTCTCTC TCTCTCTCTC TCTCTCTCTC TCCCCCACCC CCCCTTCCCA
 120 ACCCCCACCCA CATAACAGACA AGTAGATAACG CGCACACAGA AGAAGAAAAG ATGGGGGTTT
 180 CAATGCAGTC AATGCACTA GCGACGGTTG TGGCCGTCCT AACGACATGG GCGTGGAGGG
 240 CGGTGAACCTG GGTGTGGCTG AGGCCGAAGA GGCTCGAGAG GCTTCTGAGA CAGCAAGGTC
 300 TCTCCGGCAA GTCTACACC TTCCTGGCTG GCGACCTCAA GGAGAACCTG CGGATGCTCA
 360 AGGAAGCCAA GTCCAAGCCC ATCGCCGTCT CCGATGACAT CAAGCCTCGT CTCT
 414

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:19:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 469 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:19:

GAATTGGCA CGAGTGTCTC TCTCTCTCTC TCTCTGTAA ACCACCATG CTCTTCCTCA
 60 CTCATCTCCT AGCAGTTCTA GGGGTTGTGT TGCTCTGCT AATTCTATGG AGGGCAAGAT
 120 CTTCTCCGAA CAAACCCAAA GGTACTGCCT TACCCCCGGA GCTGCCGGGC GCATGGCCGA
 180 TCATAGGCCA CATCCACTTG CTGGGGCGGC AGACCCCGCT GGCCAGGACC CTGGCCGCCA
 240 TGGCGGACAA GCAGGGCCCG ATGTTTCGGA TCCGTCTCGG AGTCCACCCG GCGACCATCA
 300 TAAGCAGCCG TGAGGGCGTC CGGGAGTGCT TCACCCACCCA CGACAAGGAC CTCGCTTCTC
 360 GCCCCAAATC CAAGGGGGGA ATCCACTTGG GCTACGGGTA TGCCGGTTTT GGCTTCGTAG
 420 AATACGGGGA CTTTGGCGC GAGATGAGGA AGATCACCAT GCTCGAGCT
 469

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:20:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 341 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:20:

CGGGCTCGTG GCTCGGCTCC GGCACACGC CCTTCCCACC GGGCCCGAGG GGCCTCCCGG
 60 TCATCGGGAA CATGCTCATG ATGGGCGAGC TCACCCACCG CGGCCTCGCG AGTCTGGCGA
 120 AGAACGTATGG CGGGATCTTC CACCTCCGCA TGGGCTTCCT GCACATGGTT GCCGTGTCTG
 180 CCCCCGACGT GGCCCGCCAG GTCCCTCCAGG TCCACGACGG GATCTTCTCG AACCGGCCTG
 240 CCACCATCGC GATCAGCTAC CTCACGTATG ACCGGGCCGA CATGGCCTTC GCGCACTACG
 300 341 GCCCGTTCTG CGGGCAGATG CGGAAGCTGT GCGTGATGAA A

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:21:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 387 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:21:

GAATTGGCA CGAGCGGGCT CGTGGCTCGG CTCCGGCGCA ACGCCCTTCC CACCGGGCCC
 60 GAGGGGCCTC CCGGTATCG GGAACATGCT CATGATGGGC GAGCTCACCC ACCGCGGCCT
 120 CGCGAGTCTG GCGAAGAAGT ATGGCGGGAT CTTCCACCTC CGCATGGGCT TCCTGCACAT
 180 GGTGCGCTG TCGTCCCCCG ACGTGGCCCG CCAGGTCCCTC CAGGTCCACG ACGGGATCTT
 240 240 CTCGAACCGG CCTGCCACCA TCGCGATCAG CTACCTCACG TATGACCGGG CCGACATGGC
 300 360 CTCGCGCAC TACGGCCCGT TCTGGCGGCA GATGCGGAAG CTGTGCGTGA TGAAAGCTCT

TCAGCGGAAG CGGGCTGAGT CGTGGGA
387

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:22:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 443 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:22:

CACGAGCTCG TGAGCCTTCC CGGAGACAAG GCCATCTTAC TTGCAACAA ATTGCGTCCG
60 CACTCCTTTC TCAAGAAACC TAGTCATCCA AGAACAGAG CATTGCAACT GCAAACAGCC
120 AAAGCCAAA CTCGTACAGA AGGAGAGAGA GAGAGAGAAT AGAACATGA GTGCATGCAC
180 GAACCAAGCA ATCACGACGG CCAGTGAAGA TGAAAGAGTTC TTGTTGCCA TGAAATGAA
240 TGCTCTGATA GCACTCCCCT TGGTCTTGAA GGCCACCATC GAACTGGGGA TCCTCGAAAT
300 ACTGGCCGAG TGCGGGCCTA TGGCTCCACT TTGCGCTGCT CAGATTGCCT CCCGTCTCTC
360 CGCAAAGAAC CCGGAAGCCC CCGTAACCCCT TGACCGGATC CTCCGGTTTC TCGCCAGCTA
420 CTCCATCCTC TCTTGCACTC TCG
443

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:23:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 607 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:23:

GAATTGGCA CGAGCCAACC CTGGACCAGG TACTTTGGC AGGCGGTCCA TTGCCCTTCA
60 AACCGGTCCA AACCGGACCA TCACTGCTCT TATATACGTT GCATCATGCC TGCTCATAGA
120 ACTTAGGTCA ACTGCAACAT TTCTTGATCA CAACATATTA CAATATTCTT AAGCAGAGAG
180 AGAGAGAGAG AGAGAGAGAG AGAGAGAGAG AGAGTTGAA TCAATGGCCA CCGCCGGAGA
240 GGAGAGCCAG ACCCAAGCCG GGAGGCACCA GGAGGTTGGC CACAAGTCTC TCCTTCAGAG
300 TGATGCTCTT TACCAATATA TTTGGAGAC CAGCGTGTAC CCAAGAGAGC CTGAGCCCAT
360 GAAGGGAGCTC AGGGAAATAA CAGCAAAACA TCCATGGAAC ATAATGACAA CATCAGCAGA
420 CGAAGGGCAG TTCTTGAACA TGCTTCTCAA GCTCATCAA GCCAAGAACCA CCATGGAGAT
480 TGGTGTCTTC ACTGGCTACT CTCTCCTCGC CACCGCTCTT GCTCTTCTG ATGACGGAAA
540 GATTTGGCT ATGGACATTA ACAGAGAGAG CTATGAACTT GGCCTGCCGG CATCCAAAAA
600 GCCGGTG
607

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:24:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 421 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:24:

GAATTCGGCA CGAGCCGTTT TATTCCTCT GATTCCTTT GCTCGAGTCT CGCGGAAGAG
60 AGAGAAAGAGA GGAGAGGAGA GAATGGGTTG GACCGGATCC GAGACCCAGA TGACCCCGAC
120 CCAAGTCTCG GACGAGGAGG CGAACCTCTT CGCCATGCAG CTGGCGAGCG CCTCCGTGCT
180 CCCCATGGTC CTCAAGGCCG CCATCGAGCT CGACCTCCTC GAGATCATGG CCAAGGCCGG
240 GCCGGGCGCG TTCTCTCCC CGGGGGAAAGT CGCGGCCAG CTCCCGACCC AGAACCCCGA
300 GGCACCCGTA ATGCTCGACC GGATCTTCCG GCTGCTGGCC AGCTACTCCG TGCTCACGTG
360 CACCCCTCCGC GACCTCCCCG ATGGCAAGGT CGAGCGGCTC TACGGCTTAG CGCCGGTGTG
420 C
421

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:25:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 760 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:25:

GGAAAGAAGCC GAGCAAACGA ATTGCAGACG CCATTGAAAA AAGACACGAA AGAGATCAAG
60 AAGGAGCTTA AGAACGATCA TCAATGGCAG CCAACGCAGA GCCTCAGCAG ACCCAACCAG
120 CGAACGATTC GGAAGTCGGC CACAAGAGCC TCTTGCAGAG CGATGCTCTC TACCAAGTATA
180 TATTGGAGAC CAGCGTCTAC CCAAGAGAGC CAGAGCCAT GAAGGAGCTC AGGGAAATAA
240 CAGCCAAACA TCCATGGAAC CTGATGACCA CATGGCGGA TGAAGGGCAG TTCTGAACA
300 TGCTCCTCAA GCTCATCAAC GCCAAGAACCA CCATGGAGAT CGCGTCTAC ACCGGCTACT
360 CTCCTCTCGC AACCGCCCTT GCTCTTCCCG ATGACGGAAA GATCTTGGCC ATGCCATCA
420 ATAGGGAGAA CTTCGAGATC GGGCTGCCCG TCATCCAGAA GGCCGGCCTT GCCCACAAAGA
480 TCGATTTCAAG AGAAGGCCCT GCCCTGCCGC TCCTTGATCA GCTCGTGCAA GATGAGAAGA
540 ACCATGGAAC GTACGACTTC TTCTCAATCC TTAATCGTTC ATTTGAATAC AAATACATGC
600 TCAATGGTTC AAAGACAACA TAAGACAGAA GATGGAAAAA ATAGAAAGGA AGGAAAGTAT
660 TAAAGGGTAGT TTCTCATTTC ATCAATGCTT GATTTGAGA TCTCCTTCT GGTGGATCA
720 GCTGACCCGG CGGCACAGGT GATGCCATCC CCGACGGGAA
760

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:26:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 508 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:26:

GAATTCCGTA CCCGGGTTCG AAATCGATAA GCTTGGATCC AAAGAATTG GCACGAGATC
 60 ACTAACCATTC TGCCTTCTT CATCTTCTT CTTCTGCTTC TCCTCCGTTT CCTCGTTTCG
 120 ATATCGTCAA AGGAGTCCGT CGACGACAAT GGCGAGAAAG AGCAAGGTCC TGATCATCGG
 180 AGGGACGGGC TACGTCGGCA AGTTCATCGT GGAAGCGAGT GCAAAAGCAG GGCATCCCAC
 240 GTTCGCGCTG GTTAGGCAGA GCACGGTCTC CGACCCCGTC AAGGGCCAGC TCGTCGAGAG
 300 CTTCAAGAAC TTGGGCGTCA CTCTGCTCAT CGGTGATCTG TACGATCATG AGAGCTTGGT
 360 GAAGGCAATC AAGCAAGCCG ACGTGGTGAT ATCGACAGTG GGGCACATGC AAATGGCGGA
 420 TCAGACCAAA GAATCGTCGA CGCCATTAAA GGAAGCTGGC AACGTTAAGG TTTGTTGGTT
 480 GGTTCATTTG ATCTGGTTTG GGGGGGTC
 508

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:27:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 495 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:27:

GAATTGGCA CGAGGTTAAT GGCAGTGCAG CCTCAACACC ACCCACCTTC CTCCATCTCT
 60 CTCCCTCCCTT CTTCTTCTC TGACTTCAAT GGCAGCCGAC TCCATGCTTG CGTTCAGTAT
 120 AAGAGGAAGG TGGGGCAGCC TAAAGGGGCA CTGCGGGTCA CTGCATCAAG CAATAAGAAG
 180 ATCCCTCATCA TGGGAGGCAC CCGTTTCATC GGTGTGTTT TGTCGAGACT ACTTGTCAAA
 240 GAAGGTCATC AGGTCACTTT GTTTACCAGA GGAAAAGCAC CCATCACTCA ACAATTGCCT
 300 GGTGAGTCGG ACAAGGACTT CGCTGATTT TCATCCAAGA TCCTGCATTT GAAAGGAGAC
 360 AGAAAGGATT TTGATTTGT TAAATCTAGT CTTGCTGCAG AAGGCTTGA CGTTGTTTAT
 420 GACATTAACG GCGAGAGGCG GATGAAGTCG CACCAATTTC GGATGCCTGC CAAACCTTGA
 480 ACCAGTCAAC TACTG
 495

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:28:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 472 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:28:

GAATTGGCA CGAGCATAAG CTCTCCGTA ATCCTCACAT CACATGGCGA AGAGCAAGGT
 60 CCTCGTCGTT GGCGGCAGTG GCTACCTCGG GCGGAGGTTC GTGAGGGCGA GCCTGGACCA
 120 GGGCCACCCC ACGTACGTCC TCCAGCGTCC GGAGACCGGC CTCGACATTG AGAACGCTCCA
 180 GACGCTACTG CGCTTCAAGA GGCGTGGCGC CCAAACTCGTC GAGGCCTCGT TCTCAGACCT
 240 GAGGAGCCTC GTCGACGCTG TGAGGCAGGT CGATGTCGTC GTCTGTGCCA TGTGGGGGT
 300 CCACCTCCGG AGCCACAACA TCCTGATGCA GCTCAAGCTC GTGGAGGCTA TCAAAGAAC
 360 TGGAAATGTC AAGCGTTTT TGCCGTCAGA GTTCGGAATG GACCCGGCCC TCATGGGTCA
 420 TGCAATTGAG CCGGGAAAGGG TCACGTTCGA TGAGAAATGG AGGTGAGAAA AG
 472

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:29:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 396 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:29:

GAATTGGCA CGAGGAGGCA CCTCCTCGAA ACGAAGAAGA AGAAGGACGA AGGACGAAGG
 60 AGACGAAGGC GAGAATGAGC GCGGCGGGCG GTGCCGGAA GGTCTGTGTC GTGACCGGGG
 120 CGTCCGGTTA CATCGCCTCG TGGCTCGTCA AGCTCCTCCT CCAGCGCGGC TACACCGTCA
 180 AGGCCACCGT CCGCGATCCG AATGATCCAA AAAAGACTGA ACATTTGCTT GGACTTGATG
 240 GAGCGAAAGA TAGACTTCAA CTGTTCAAAG CAAACCTGCT GGAAGAGGGT TCATTTGATC
 300 CTATTGTTGA GGGTTGTGCA GGCCTTTTC AAAC TGCGCTC TCCCTTTAT CATGATGTCA
 360 AGGATCCGCA GCCAGAATT A CTTGATCCGG CTGTAA
 396

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:30:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 592 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:30:

GAATTGGCA CGAGGTTGAA CCTCCCGTCC TCGGCTCTGC TCGGCTCGTC ACCCTTTG
 60 CGCTCCCGCA TACTCCACCA CCGCGTACAG AAGATGAGCT CGGAGGGTGG GAAGGAGGAT
 120 TGCCTCGGTT GGGCTGCCCG GGACCTTCT GGGTTCTCT CCCCTACAA ATTCAACCGC
 180 AGGGCCGTGG GAAGCGAAGA CGTCTCGATT AAGATCACGC ACTGTGGAGT GTGCTACGCA
 240

GATGTGGCTT GGACTAGGAA TGTGCAGGGA CACTCC~~A~~GT ATCCTCTGGT CCCAGGGCAC
 300
 GAGATAGTTG GAATTGTGAA ACAGGTTGGC TCCAGTGTCC AACGCTTC~~A~~ AGTTGGCGAT
 360
 CATGTGGGGG TGGGAACCTTA TGTCAATTCA TGCAGAGAGT GCGAGTATTG CAATGACAGG
 420
 CTAGAAAGTCC AATGTGAAAAA GTCGGTTATG ACTTTGATG GAATTGATGC AGATGGTACA
 480
 GTGACAAAGG GAGGATATT~~C~~ TAGTCACATT GTCGTCCATG AAAGGTATTG CGTCAGGATT
 540
 CCAGAAA~~A~~CT ACCCGATGGA TCTAGCAGCG CATTGCTCT GTGCTGGATC AC
 592

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:31:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 468 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:31:

GAATT~~C~~GGCA CGAGAACTCA TCTTGAAATG TCATTGGAGT CATCATCCTC TAGTGAGAAG
 60
 AAACAAATGG GTTCCGCCGG ATT~~C~~GAATCG GCCACAAAGC CGCACGCCGT TTGCATTCCC
 120
 TACCC~~T~~GCAC AAAGCCACAT TGGCGCCATG CTCAAGCTAG CAAAGCTCCT CCATCACAAG
 180
 GGCTTCCACA TCTCCTTCGT CAACACCGAG TTCAACCACC GGCGGCTCGC CAGGGCTCGA
 240
 GGCCCCGAGT TCACAAATGG AATGCTGAGC GACTTTCAGT TCCTGACAAT CCCCGATGGT
 300
 CTT~~C~~CTCCTT CGGACTTGG~~A~~ TGCGATCCAA GACATCAAGA TGCTCTGG~~A~~ ATCGTCCAGG
 360
 AACTATATGG TCAGCCCCAT CAACGATCTT GTATCGAGCC TGGGCTCGAA CCCGAGCGTC
 420
 CCTCCGGTGA CTTGCATCAA TCTCGGATGG TTTCATGACA CTCGTGAC
 468

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:32:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 405 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:32:

CTT~~T~~ACTCCG CCAAGAAGAT CCAATCGCAG TTT~~T~~CGCAAT TGGCCCATTA CACAAATGCG
 60
 GTCCATCTTC ATCGGGAA~~G~~T CTCTTGGCAG AAGACCGGAG TTGCATT~~T~~CC TGGCTGGAC~~A~~
 120
 AGCAAGCCCC TAACTCAGTG GTCTATGTGA GTCTTGGAG CATCGCCTCT GTGAACGAGT
 180
 CGGAATTTC CGAAATAGCT TTAGGTTAG CCGATAGCCA GCAGCCATTC TTGTGGGTGG
 240
 TTCGACCCGG GTCAGTGAGC GGCTCGGAAC TCTTAGAGAA TTTGCCCGGT TGCTTTCTGG
 300
 AGGCATTACA GGAGAGGGGG AAGATTGTGA AATGGGCGCC TCAACATGAA GTGCTGGCTC
 360
 ATCGGGCTGT CGGAGCGTTT TGGACTCACA ATGGATGGAA CTCCA
 405

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:33:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 380 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:33:

GGCAAACACG CCCGTTTCG TTTTACTAAG AGAAGATGGT GAGCGTTGTG GCTGGTAGAG
60 TCGAGAGCTT GTCGAGCAGT GGCATTCACT CGATCCGCA GGAGTATGTG AGGCCGAAGG
120 AGGAGCTCAC AAGCATTGGC GACATCTTCG AGGAGGAGAA GAAGCATGAG GGCCCTCAGG
180 TCCCGACCAC CGACCTCGAG GACATAGCGT CTAAAGACCC CGTGGTGAGG GAGAGGTGCC
240 ACGAGGAGCT CAGGAAGGCT GCCACCGACT GGGGCGTCAT GCACCTCGTC AACCATGGGA
300 TCCCCAACGA CCTGATTGAG CGTGTAAAGA AGGCTGGCGA GGTGTTCTTC AACCTCCGA
360 TCGAGGAGAA GGACAAGCAT
380

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:34:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 305 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:34:

TTGTACCCGA AGATCTCCGG GACC GTT CGA CGGCGACATC GCCGTCGGCC GGGAAACCCGT
60 CGAGGCCGCC GCCGGAGGCC GGGGAGAACG TGGAGTAGCC GCCGTAGCCG GAGAAGGCCGC
120 CGTCGTGGTC GGCGGCGGCC GCGTGGTGGA CCTCATCGCC GTCCATGCTG AAGGCGTCGA
180 AGGAAGCGGA CATGGCTGGG GGATCGATCG ACCGATCCGA TCGGCCGGAG GATTCGAGA
240 TCGGAGATGG AGAGATGGAA ATGAAAGAGA GAGAGAGAGA GAGATCCGGT GGACTGGTGG
300 TGTTT
305

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:35:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 693 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:35:

GAATT CGGCA CGAGCTAAGA GAGGAGAGGA GAGGAGCAAG ATGGCACTAG CAGGAGCTGC
60 ACTGTCAGGA ACCGTGGTGA GCTCCCCCTT TGTGAGGATG CAGCCTGTGA ACAGACTCAG
120

GGCATTCCCC AATGTGGTCAAGGCCCTGTT TGGTGTCAAC TCTGGCCGTG GCAGAGTGAC
 180
 TGCCATGGCC GCTTACAAGG TCACCCCTGCT CACCCCTGAA GGCAAAGTCG AACTCGACGT
 240
 CCCCCGACGAT GTTTACATCT TGGACTACGC CGAGGGAGCAA GGCATCGACT TGCCCTACTC
 300
 CTGCCGTGCC GGCTCTTGCT CCTCCTGCGC GGGCAAGGTC GTGGCGGGGA GCGTCGACCA
 360
 GAGCGACGGC AGCTTCCCTGG ATGATGATCA GATTGAGGAA GGTTGGGTCC TCACTTGTGT
 420
 CGCCTACCCCT AAGTCTGAGG TCACCATTA GACCCACAAG GAAGAGGGAGC TCACTGCTTG
 480
 AAGCTCTCCT ATATTGCTT TTGCATAAAT CAGTCTCACT CTACGCAACT TTCTCCACTC
 540
 TCTCCCCCT TCACTACATG TTTGTTAGTT CCTTTAGTCT CTTCTTTTT TACTGTACGA
 600
 GGGATGATTG GATGTTATTC TGAGTCTAAT GTAATGGCTT TTCTTTTCC TATTCTGTGA
 660
 TGAGGAAATA AAACTCATGC TCTAAAAAAA AAA
 693

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:36:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 418 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:36:

AGGACTTTAT TATAAGCATT GTAAAAAGAG TCAAACATAAT ACATCGCAAG AATTGGGTTA
 60
 TCCAATAATC TACAAAAAGA AAAAAGTTG ATGCATTGAG ATGGTAACTG CTTAATTCAA
 120
 ATGCCTTAGT TTGAAAAATT AACCAACTAT TAAAATTAAT GATGATGAAT ATGGATTATG
 180
 TGTAAAAAAC TATATAGACT TAAAATTGAC TCAGAAGACA TTCTTTCTT CTTATTTAT
 240
 GATATGATGA ATTGGTCTA AACAGGCAAA TGGTGTCAAA CGGGAAAGTCG GCAAAACTCT
 300
 TCCTCGGCAG TGACTACCGG GCGGGCGATG ATGCGGATCC GGGGGCCGGG TCGCTGGAGA
 360
 ACATCCCGCA CGGACCGGTC CACGTTGGT GCGGTGACAA CAGGCAGCCC AACCTGGA
 418

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:37:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 777 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:37:

GAATTCGGCA CGAGCATAACA ACTACACTGC GACGCCGCCG CAGAACCGCA GCGTGCCGAC
 60
 CATGAACGGC ACCAAGGTCT ACCGGTTGCC GTATAACGCT ACGGTCCAGC TCGTTTTACA
 120
 GGACACCGGG ATAATCGCGC CGGAGACCCA CCCCATCCAT CTGCACGGAT TCAACTTCTT
 180
 CGGTGTGGGC AAAGGAGTGG GGAATTATGA CCCAAAGAAG GATCCCAAGA AGTTCAATCT
 240

GGTGACCCA GTGGAGAGGA ACACCATTGG AATCCCAC TGGGATGGA TAGCCATCAG
 300
 ATTCACAGCA GACAATCCAG GAGTTGGTT CCTGCACTGC CATCTGGAAG TGCACACAAAC
 360
 TTGGGACTG AAGATGGCAT TCTTGGTGG CAATGGAAG GGGCTAAAG AGACCTGCT
 420
 TCCACCTCCA AGTGATCTTC CAAAATGTTG ATCATTTGAT CATGAGGACG ACAAGCGATT
 480
 ACTAATGACA CCAAGTTAGT GGAATCTTCT CTTGAAAAAA GAAGAAGAAG AGCAAGAAGA
 540
 ATAAGAAAAGA TGAGGAGAGA AGCCATAGAA GATTTGACCA AGAAGAGAGA GGGCAATAAA
 600
 CCAAAGAGAC CCTTGAGATC ACGACATCCC GCAATTGTTT CTAGAGTAAT AGAAGGATT
 660
 ACTCCGACAC TGCTACAATA AATTAAGGAA GACAAGGAAT TTGGTTTTT TCATTGGAGG
 720
 AGTGTAAATTG TTTTTTGGC AAGCTCATCA CATGAATCAC ATGGAAAAAA AAAAAAA
 777

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:38:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 344 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:38:

ATATGTTCAAG AATTTCAAAT GTGGGAATGT CAACCTCCTT GAACTTCAGA ATTCAAGGCC
 60
 ATACGTTGAA GCTAGTCGAG GTTGAAGGAT CTCACACCGT CCAGAACATG TATGATTCAA
 120
 TCGATGTTCA CGTGGGCCAA TCCATGGCTG TCTTAGTGAC CTTAAATCAG CCTCCAAAGG
 180
 ACTACTACAT TGTGCGATCC ACCCGGTTCA CCAAGACGGT TCTCAATGCA ACTGCAGTGC
 240
 TACACTACAC CAACTCGCTT ACCCCAGTTT CGGGGCCACT ACCAGCTGGT CCAACTTACC
 300
 AAAAACATTG GTCCATGAAG CAAGCAAGAA CAATCAGGTG GAAC
 344

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:39:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 341 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:39:

GCCGCAACTG CAATTCTCTT CGTAAACAT GACGGCTGTC GGCAAAACCT CTTCTCTT
 60
 GGGAGCTCTC CTCCTCTTCT CTGTGGCGGT GACATTGGCA GATGCAAAAG TTTACTACCA
 120
 TGATTTGTC GTTCAAGCGA CCAAGGTGAA GAGGCTGTGC ACGACCCACA ACACCACAC
 180
 GGTGAACGGG CAATTCCGG GTCCGACTTT GGAAGTTAAC GACGGCGACA CCCTCGTTGT
 240
 CAATGTCGTC AACAAAGCTC GCTACAAACGT CACCATTACAC TGGCACGGCG TCCGGCAGGT
 300
 GAGATCTGCT TGGGCTGATG GGGCGGAATT TGTGACTCAA T
 341

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:40:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 358 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:40:

GAATTCGGCA CGAGATATGT TCAGAATTG AAATGTGGGA ATGTCAACCT CCTTGAACCT
60 CAGAATTCAAG GGCCATACGT TGAAGCTAGT CGAGGTTGAA GGATCTCACCA CCGTCCAGAA
120 CATGTATGAT TCAATCGATG TTCACGTGGG CCAATCCATG GCTGTCTTAG TGACCTTAAA
180 TCAGCCTCCA AAGGACTACT ACATTGTCGC ATCCACCCGG TTCACCAAGA CGGTTCTCAA
240 TGCAACTGCA GTGCTACACT ACACCAACTC GCTTACCCCA GTTTCCGGGC CACTACCAGC
300 TGGTCCAAC TACCAAAAAC ATTGGTCCAT GAAGCAAGCA AGAACAAATCA GGTGGAAC
358

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:41:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 409 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:41:

ATCAAGAGTT TGAGTCTAAA CCTTGTCTAA TCCTCTCTCG CATAAGTCATT TGGAGACGAA
60 TGCTGATCGG CGCAGCTGC ATTCTCTTCG TAAAACATGA CGGCTGTCGG CAAAACCTCT
120 TTCCCTTGG GAGCTCTCCT CCTCTTCTCT GTGGCGGTGA CATTGGCAGA TGCAAAAGTT
180 TACTACCATG ATTTTGTCGT TCAAGCGACC AAGGTGAAGA GGCTGTGCAC GACCCACAAC
240 ACCATCACGG TGAACGGGCA ATTCCCGGGT CCGACTTTGG AAGTTAACGA CGGCGACACC
300 CTCGTTGTCA ATGTCGTCAA CAAAGCTCGC TACAACGTCA CCATTCACTG GCACGGCGTC
360 CGGCAGGTGA GATCTGGTTG GGCTGATGGG GCGGAATTG TGACTCAAT
409

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:42:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 515 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:42:

CTCTCTCTCT CTCTCTCTCT GTGTGTTCAT TCTCGTTGAG CTCGTGGTCG CCTCCCGCCA
60 TGGATCCGCA CAAGTACCGT CCATCCAGTG CTTCAACAC TTCTTTCTGG ACTACGAACCT
120

CTGGTGCTCC TGTCTGGAAC AATAACTCTT CGTTGACTGT TGGAAGCAGA GGTCCAATT
180 TTCTTGAGGA TTATCACCTC GTGGAGAAC TTGCCAACTT TGATAGGGAG AGGATTCCAG
240 AGCGTGTGGT GCATGCCAGA GGAGCCAGTG CAAAGGGATT CTTTGAGGTC ACTCATGACA
300 360 420 480 515
300 TTTCCCAGCT TACCTGTGCT GATTTCCTTC GGGCACCAAGG AGTTCAAACA CCCGTGATTG
360 TCCGGTTCTC CACTGTCATC CACGAAAGGG GCAGCCCTGA AACCTGAGG GACCCCTCGAG
420 GTTTTGCTGT GAAGTTCTAC ACAAGAGAGG GTAACTTGA TCTGGTGGGA AACAAATTCC
480 CTGTCTTCTT TGTCCGTAAAT GGGATAAAATT CCCCCG

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:43:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

 - (A) LENGTH: 471 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 43:

GAATTCGGCA CGAGGCTCCC TCTCGTACTG CCATACTCCT GGGACGGGAT TCGGATAGGG
60 ATTTGCGGCG ATCCATTCT CGATTCAAGG GGAAGAACATCA TGGGGAAAGTC CTACCCGACC
120 GTAAGCCAGG AGTACAAGAA GGCTGTGAG AAATGCAAGA AGAAGTTGAG AGGCCTCATC
180 GCTGAGAAGA GCTGCGCTCC GCTCATGCTC CGCATCCCGT GGCACCTCCGC CGGTACCTTC
240 GATGTGAAGA CGAAGACCGG AGGCCCGTTC GGGACCATGA AGCACGCCGC GGAGCTCAGC
300 CACGGGGCCA ACAGCGGGCT CGACGTTGCC GATCAGGTCT TGCAGCCGAT CAAGGATCAG
360 TTCCCCGTCA TCACTTATGC TGATTTCTAC CAGCTGGCTG GCGTCGTTGC TGTGAAAGTT
420 ACTGGTGGAC CTGAAGTTGC TTTTCACCCG GAAGAGAGGC AAACCACAAAC C
471

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:44:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

 - (A) LENGTH: 487 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:44:

GAATTCCGGCA CGAGCTCCC CTTCTGTCTC GCCACCATT A CTAGCTCAA AGCCCAGATC
60 TCAGTTTCGT GCTCTCTTCG TCATCTCTGC CTCTTGCCAT GGATCCGTAC AAGTATGCC
120 CGTCCAGCGC TTACGATTCC AGCTTTGGA CAACCCAATA CGGTGCTCCC GTCTGGAACA
180 ATGACTCATC GCTGACTGTT GGAACTAGAG GTCCGATTCT CCTGGAGGAC TACCATCTGA
240 TTGAGAAAAT TGCCAACTTC GAGAGAGAGA GGATTCCCTGA GCGGGTGGTC CATGCACGGG
300 GAGCCAGCGC GAAAGGGTTC TTGGAGGTCA CCCACGACAT CTCTCACTTG ACCTGTGCTG
360

ATTCCCTCCG GGCTCCTGGA GTCCAGACGC CCGTAATCGT CCGTTCTCC ACCGTCATCC
 420 ACGAGCGCGG CAGCCGAAC CTCAGGGACC CTCGTGGTT TGCAGTGAAAG TTCTACACCA
 480 GAGAGGG
 487

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:45:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 684 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:45:

GAATT CCTGC AGCCCCGGGG ATCCACTAGT TCTAGAGCGG CCGCCACCGC GGTGGAGCTC
 60 GCGCGCCTGC AGGTCGACAC TAGTGGATCC AAAGAATTG GCACGAGGCC CGACGGCCAC
 120 TTGTTGGACG CCATGGAAGC TCTCCGGAAA GCCGGGATTG TGGAACCGTT TAAACTGCAG
 180 CCCAAGGAAG GACTGGCTCT CGTCAACGGC ACAGCGGTGG GATCCGCGT GGCGCGTCC
 240 GTCCTGTTTG ACGCCAACGT GCTGGCGTG CTGGCTGAGA TTCTGTCTGC GCTCTTCTGC
 300 GAGGTGATGC AAGGGAAACC GGAGTTCGTA GATCCGTTAA CCCACCAGTT GAAGCACCAC
 360 CCAGGGCAGA TCGAAGCCGC GGCGTCATG GAGTTCTCC TCGACGGTAG CGACTACGTG
 420 AAAGAACAG CGCGGCTTCA CGAGAAAGAC CCGTTGAGCA AACCGAAACA AGACCGCTAC
 480 GCTCTGCGAA CATCGCCACA GTGGTTGGGG CCTCCGATCG AAGTCATCCG CGCTGCTACT
 540 CACTCCATCG AGCGGGAGAT CAATTCCGTC AACGACAATC CGTTAATCGA TGTCTCCAGG
 600 GACATGGCTC TCCACGGCGG CAACTTCCAG GGAACACCCA TCGGAGTTTC CATGGACAAAC
 660 ATGCGAATCT CTTTGGCAGC CGTC
 684

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:46:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 418 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:46:

GAATT CGGGCA CGAGGACAAG GTCATAGGCC CTCTCTCAA ATGCTTGGAT GGGTGGAAAG
 60 GAACTCCTGG CCCATTCTGA AATAAATAAT CTTCCAAGAT CGCCTTATA CAAAGACTGC
 120 TATGATTGAG GTCCTCGGAT CTTTTGTTG ATGCAGTTGT TTACCGATCT GGAATTGAT
 180 TGGTCATAAA GCTTGATTTT GTTTTCTTT CTTTGTTTT ATACTGCTGG ATTGCAATCC
 240 CATTGGATTG GCCAGAAATA TGTAAGGGTG GCAGATCATT TGGGTGATCT GAAACATGTA
 300 AAAGTGGCGG ATCATTGGGG TAGCATGCAG ATCAGTTGGG TGATCGTGTGTA CTGCTTCAC
 360

TATTACTTAC ATATTTAAAG ATCGGGAATA AAAACATGAT TTTAATTGAA AAAAAAAA
418

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:47:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 479 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:47:

GATATCCCAA CGACCGAAAA CCTGTATTT CAGGGCGCCA TGGGGATCCG GAATTCGGCA
60 CGAGCAAGGA AGAAAATATG GTTGCAGCAG CAGAAATTAC GCAGGCCAAT GAAGTTCAAG
120 TTAAAAGCAC TGGGCTGTGC ACGGACTTCG GCTCGTCTGG CAGCGATCCA CTGAACGTGG
180 TTCGAGCAGC CAAGGCCATG GAAGGAAGTC ACTTGAAAGA AGTGAAAGCG ATGGTGGATT
240 CGTATTTGGG AGCCAAGGAG ATTTCCATTG AAGGGAAATC TCTGACAATC TCAGACGTTG
300 CTGCCGTTGC TCGAAGATCG CAAGTGAAAG TGAAATTGGA TGCTGCGGCT GCCAAATCTA
360 GGGTCGAGGA GAGTTCAAAC TGGGTTCTCA CCCAGATGAC CAAGGGGACG GATACCTATG
420 GTGTCACTAC TGGTTTCGGA GCCACTTCTC ACAGGAGAAC GAACCAGGGA GCCGAGCTT
479

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:48:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 1785 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:48:

TATCGATAAG CTTGATATCG AATTCTGCA GCCCGGGGAA TCCACTAGTT CTAGAGCGGC
60 CGCCACCGCG GTGGAGCTCG CGCGCCTGCA GGTCGACACT AGTGGATCCA AAGAATTCTGG
120 CACGAGGTTG CAGGTGGGG ATGATTTGAA TCACAGAAAC CTCAGCGATT TTGCCAAGAA
180 ATATGGCAAA ATCTTTCTGC TCAAGATGGG CCAGAGGAAT CTTGTGGTAG TTTCATCTCC
240 CGATCTCGCC AAGGAGGTCC TGACACACCA GGGCGTCGAG TTTGGGTCTC GAACCCGGAA
300 CGTGGTGTTC GATATCTCA CGGGCAAGGG GCAGGACATG GTGTTCACCG TCTATGGAGA
360 TCACTGGAGA AAGATGCGCA GGATCATGAC TGTGCCTTTC TTTACGAATA AAGTTGTCCA
420 GCACATACAGA TTGCGTGGG AAGACGAGAT CAGCCGCGTG GTCGCGGATG TGAAATCCCG
480 CGCCGAGTCT TCCACCTCGG GCATTGTCAT CCGTAGGCGC CTCCAGCTCA TGATGTATAA
540 TATTATGTAT AGGATGATGT TCGACAGGAG ATTGAAATCC GAGGACGACC CGCTTTCCCT
600 CAAGCTCAAG GCCCTCAACG GAGAGCGAAG TCGATTGGCC CAGAGCTTTG AGTACAATTA
660 TGGGGATTTC ATTCCCATTG TTAGGCCCTT CCTCAGAGGT TATCTCAGAA TCTGCAATGA
720

GATTAAAGAG AAACGGCTCT CTCTTTCAA GGACTACTTC GTGGAAGAGC GCAAGAAGCT
 780
 CAACAGTACC AAGACTAGTA CCAACACCGG GGGAGCTCAA GTGTGCAATG GACCATATT
 840
 TAGATGCTCA GGACAAGGGA GAGATCAATG AGGATAATGT TTTGTACATC GTTGAGAAC
 900
 TCAACGTTGC AGCAATTGAG ACAACGCTGT GGTCGATGGA ATGGGAAATA CGGGAGCTGG
 960
 TGAACCACCA GGACATTCAAG AGCAAGGTGC GCGCAGAGCT GGACGCTGTT CTGGACCA
 1020
 GCGTGCAGAT AACGGAACCA GACACGACAA GGTTGCCCTA CCTTCAGGCG GTTGTGAAGG
 1080
 AAACCCCTCG TCTCCGCATG GCGATCCCCTG TGCTCGTCCC CCACATGAAT CTCCACGAC
 1140
 CCAAGCTCGG GGGCTACGAT ATTCCGGCAG AGAGCAAGAT CCTGGTGAAC CCCTGGTGGT
 1200
 TGGCCAACAA CCCCCCAAC TGGAAGAACCC CCGAGGAGTT CCGCCCCGAG CGGTTCTTC
 1260
 AGGAGGAGAA GCACACCGAA GCCAATGGCA ACGACTTCAA ATTCCCTGCCT TCGGTGTGGG
 1320
 GAGGAGGAGC TGCCCGGGAA TCATTCTGGC GCTGCCTCTC CTCGCACCTCT CCATCGGAAG
 1380
 ACTTGTTCAG AACTTCCACC TTCTGCCGCC GCCCGGGCAG AGCAAAGTGG ATGTCACTGA
 1440
 GAAGGGCGGG CAGTCAGCC TTCACATTCT CAACCATTCT CTCATCGTCG CCAAGCCCCAT
 1500
 AGCTTCTGCT TAATCCCAAC TTGTCAGTGA CTGGTATATA AATGCGCGCA CCTGAACAAA
 1560
 AACACACTCCA TCTATCATGA CTGTGTGTGC GTGTCCACTG TCGAGTCTAC TAAGAGCTCA
 1620
 TAGCACTTCA AAAGTTTGCT AGGATTCAA TAACAGACAC CGTCAATTAT GTCATGTTTC
 1680
 AATAAAAGTT TGCATAAATT AAATGATATT TCAATATACT ATTTTGAECTC TCCACCAATT
 1740
 GGGGAATTTT ACTGCTAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAA
 1785

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:49:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 475 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:49:

GAATTCCGGCA CGAGATTTCC ATGGACGATT CCGTTGGCT TCAATTGTT TCCTCTGGCT
 60
 GTCCTCGTCC TCGTTTCCT TGTTCTTCCCT CCGACTTTT CTCTGGAAGC TATGGCGTAA
 120
 TAGGAACCTG CCGCCAGGAC CCCCCGGCATG GCCGATCGTA GGGAACGTCC TTCAGATTGG
 180
 ATTTTCCAGC GGCGCGTTCG AGACCTCAGT GAAGAAATTC CATGAGAGAT ACGGTCCAAT
 240
 ATTCACTGTG TGGCTCGGTT CCGCCCTCT GCTGATGATC ACCGACCGCG AGCTTGCCCA
 300
 CGAGGCGCTC GTACAGAAGG GCTCCGTCTT CGCTGACCGC CCGCCCCGCCC TCGGGATGCA
 360
 GAAAATCTTC AGTAGCAACC ACCACAAACAT CACTTCGGCT GAATACGGCC CGCTGTGGCG
 420
 GAGCCTTCGC AGGAATCTGG TTAAAGAAGC CCTGAGACTT CGGCGATGAA GGCTT
 475

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:50:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 801 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:50:

GCTCCACCGA CGGTGGACGG TCCGCTACTC AGTAAC TGAG TGGGATCCCC CGGGCTGACA
60
GGCAATTGCA TTTAGCTCAC TCATTAGGCA CCCCAGGCTT TACACTTTAT GCTTCCGGCT
120
CGTATGTTGT GTGGAATTGT GAGCGGATAA CAATTCACA CAGGAAACAG CTATGACCAT
180
GATTACGCCA AGCGCGCAAT TAACCCTCAC TAAAGGAAAC AAAAGCTGGA GCTCCACCGC
240
GGTGGCGGCC GCTCTAGAAC TAGTGGATCC AAAGAATTG GCACGAGACC CAGTGACCTT
300
CAGGCCTGAG AGATTCTTG AGGAAGATGT TGATATTAAG GGCCATGATT ACAGGCTACT
360
GCCATTGCGT GCAGGGCGCA GGATCTGCC TGTTGCACAA TTGGGTATTA ATTAGTTCA
420
GTCTATGTTG GGACACCTGC TTCATCATT CGTATGGCA CCTCCTGAGG GAATGAAGGC
480
AGAAGACATA GATCTCACAG AGAATCCAGG GCTTGTACT TTCATGCCA AGCCTGTGCA
540
GGCCATTGCT ATTCTCGAT TGCCTGATCA TCTCTACAAG CGACAGCCAC TCAATTGATC
600
AATTGATCTG ATAGTAAGTT TGAATTTGT TTTGATACAA AACGAAATAA CGTGCAGTTT
660
CTCCTTTCC ATAGTCAACA TGCAGCTTTC TTTCTCTGAA GCGCATGCAG CTTCTTTCT
720
CTGAAGGCCA ACTTCTAGCA AGCAATAACT GTATATTTA GAACAAATAC CTATTCTCA
780
AATTGAGTAT TTCTCTGTAG G
801

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:51:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 744 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:51:

GGGCCCCCCT TCGAGGTGGA CACTAGTGGA TCCAAAGAAT TCGGCACGAG GTTTTATCTG
60
AAGGACGCTG TGCTTGAAGG CTCCCAGCCA TTCACCAAAG CCCATGGAAT GAATGCGTTC
120
GAGTACCCGG CCATCGATCA GAGATTCAAC AAGATTTCA ACAGGGCTAT GTCTGAGAAT
180
TCTACCATGT TGATGAACAA GATTTGGAT ACTTACGAGG GTTTAAGGA GGTCAGGAG
240
TTGGTGGATG TGGGAGGAGG TATTGGCTG ACTCTCAATC TCATAGTGTGTC TAGGTATCCC
300
CACATTCAG GAATCAACTT CGACTTGTCC CATGTGCTGG CCGATGCTCC TCACTACCCA
360
GCTGTGAAAC ATGTGGGTGG AGACATGTTT GATAGTGTAC CAAGTGGCCA AGCTATTTT
420
ATGAAGTGGAA TTCTGCATGA TTGGAGCGAT GATCATTGCA GGAAGCTTT GAAGAATTGT
480

CACAAGGCGT TGCCAGAGAA GGGGAAGGTG ATTGCAGTGG ACACCATTCT CCCAGTGGCT
 540
 GCAGAGACAT CTCCTTATGC TCGTCAGGGAA TTTCATACAG ATTTACTGAT GTTGGCATAAC
 600
 AACCCAGGGG GCAAGGAACG CACAGAGCAA GAATTCAAG ATTTAGCTAA GGAGACGGGA
 660
 TTGCAGGTG GTGTTGAACC TGTATGTTGT GTCAATGGAA TGTGGGTAAT GGAATTCTG
 720
 CAGCCCCGGGG GATCCACTAG TTCT
 744

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:52:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 426 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:52:

GTGGCCCTGG AAGTAGTGTG CGCGACATGG ATTCCCTGAA TTTAACGAG TTTATGTTGT
 60
 GGGTTCTCTC TTGGCTTGCT CTCTACATTG GATTCGTAA TGTTTGAGA TCGAACTTGA
 120
 AGCTCAAGAA GAGGCCGCCTC CCGCCGGGCC CATCGGGATG GCCAGTGGTG GGAAGTCTGC
 180
 CATTGCTGGG AGCGATGCCT CACGTTACTC TCTACAACAT GTATAAGAAA TATGGCCCCG
 240
 TTGTCTATCT CAAACTGGGG ACGTCCGACA TGTTGTGGC CTCCACGCC GCTGCAGCTA
 300
 AGGCCTTCT GAAGACTTTG GATATAAACT TCTCCAACCG GCCGGAAAT GCAGGAGCCA
 360
 CGTACATCGC CTACGATTCT CAGGACATGG TGTGGGCAGC GTATGGAGGA CGGTGGAAGA
 420
 TGGAGC
 426

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:53:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 562 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:53:

CAGTCGAAA TTAACCTCAC TAAAGGAAAC AAAAGCTGGA GTTCGCGCGC CTGCAGGTGCG
 60
 ACACATAGTGG ATCCAAAGAA TTCGGCACGA GCTTGAGGC AACCTACATT CATTGAATCC
 120
 CAGGATTCTCT TCTTGTCCAA ACAGGTTAA GGAAATGGCA GGCACAAGTG TTGCTGCAGC
 180
 AGAGGTGAAG GCTCAGACAA CCCAAGCAGA GGAGCCGGTT AAGGTTGTCC GCCATCAAGA
 240
 AGTGGGACAC AAAAGCTTT TGCAAGAGCGA TGCCCTCTAT CAGTATATAT TGAAACGAG
 300
 CGTGTACCT CGTGAGCCCG AGCCAATGAA GGAGCTCCGC GAAGTGAATG CCAAGCATCC
 360
 CTGGAACCTC ATGACTACTT CTGCCGATGA GGGTCAATT CTGGGCCTCC TGCTGAAGCT
 420
 CATTAAACGCC AAGAACACCA TGGAGATTGG GGTGTACACT GGTTACTCGC TTCTCAGCAC
 480

AGCCCTTGCA TTGCCCCATG ATGGAAAGAT TCTAGCCATG GACATCAACA GAGAGAACTA
 540
 TGATATCGGA TTGCCTATAA TT
 562

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:54:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 1074 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:54:

TCGTGCCGCT CGATCCTCAC AGGCCCTTT TATTCCTCTG GTGAACGATA CGATGGGCTC
 60
 GCACGCTGAG AATGGCAACG GGGTGGAGGT TGTTGATCCA ACGGACTTAA CTGACATCGA
 120
 GAATGGGAAA CCAGGTTATG ACAAGCGTAC GCTGCCTGCG GACTGGAAGT TTGGAGTGAA
 180
 GCTTCAAAAC GTTATGGAAG AATCCATTAA CAAGTACATG CTGGAAACAT TCACCCGCCA
 240
 TCGAGAGGAC GAGGCGTCCA AGGAGCTCTG GGAACGAACA TGGAACCTGA CACAGAGAGG
 300
 GGAGATGATG ACATTGCCAG ATCAGGTGCA GTTCCTGCGC TTGATGGTAA AGATGTCAGG
 360
 TGCTAAAAAG GCATTGGAGA TCGGAGTTTT CACTGGCTAT TCATTGCTCA ATATCGCTCT
 420
 CGCTCTTCCT TCTGATGGCA AGGTGGTAGC TGTGGATCCA GGAGATGACC CCAAATTG
 480
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 GTTGGACTAT TTGGATCCC TTATTCAAAA GGGGGAGAAG GATTGCTTCG ACTTGCATT
 600
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 660
 CGTGGGGGGC GTCATAATT ACACGACAC CCTCTGGTTT GGTCTGGTGG GAGGAAAGGA
 720
 TCCCCACAAAC CTGCTTAAGA ATGATTACAT GAGGACTTCT CTGGAGGGTA TCAAGGCCAT
 780
 CAAACTCCATG GTAGCCAACG ACCCCAACTT GGAGGTCGCC ACAGTCTTA TGGGATATGG
 840
 TGTCACTGTT TGTTACCGCA CTGCTTAGTT AGCTAGTCCT CCGTCATTCT GCTATGTATG
 900
 TATATGATAA TGGCGTCGAT TTCTGATATA GGTGGTTTT CAATGTTCT ATCGTCATGT
 960
 TTTCTGTTA GCCAGAATGT TTCGATCGTC ATGGTTCTG TTAAAGCCAG AATAAAATTA
 1020
 GCCGCTTGCA GTTCAAAAAA AAAAAAAA AAAAACTCGA GACTAGTTCT CTTC
 1074

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:55:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 1075 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:55:

TCGGAGCTCT CGAATCCTCA CAGGCCCTTT TTATTCCTCTG GGTGAACGAT ACGATGGGCT
 60

CGCACGCTGA GAATGGCAAC GGGGTGGAGG TTGTTGATCC AACGGACTTA ACTGACATCG
 120
 AAGAATGGGA ACCCAGGTTA TGACAAGCGT CGCTGCCTGC GGACTGGAAG TTTGGAGTGA
 180
 AGCTTCAAAA CGTTATGGAA GAATCCATT ACAAGTACAT GCTGGAAACA TTCACCCGCC
 240
 ATCGAGAGGA CGAGGCGTCC AAGGAGCTCT GGGAACGAAC ATGGAACCTG ACACAGAGAG
 300
 GGGAGATGAT GACATTGCCA GATCAGGTGC AGTTCCTGCG CTTGATGGTA AAGATGTCAG
 360
 GTGCTAAAAAA GGCATTGGAG ATCGGAGTTT TCACTGGCTA TTCATTGCTC AATATCGCTC
 420
 TCGCTCTTCC TTCTGATGGC AAGGTGGTAG CTGTGGATCC AGGAGATGAC CCCAAATTTG
 480
 GCTGGCCCTG CTTCGTTAAG GCTGGAGTTG CAGACAAAGT GGAGATCAAG AAAACTACAG
 540
 GGTGGACTA TTTGGATTCC CTTATTCAAAGGGGGAGAA GGATTGCTTC GACTTTGCAT
 600
 TCGTGGACGC AGACAAAGTG AACTACGTGA ACTATCATCC ACGGCTGATG AAGTTAGTGC
 660
 CGCTGGGGGG CGTCATAATT TACGACGACA CCCTCTGGTT TGGTCTGGTG GGAGGAAAGG
 720
 ATCCCCACAA CCTGCTTAAG AATGATTACA TGAGGACTTC TCTGGAGGGT ATCAAGGCCA
 780
 TCAACTCCAT GGTAGCCAAC GACCCCAACT TGGAGGTCGC CACAGTCTT ATGGGATATG
 840
 GTGTCACTGT TTGTTACCGC ACTGCTTAGT TAGCTAGTCC TCCGTCATTC TGCTATGTAT
 900
 GTATATGATA ATGGCGTCGA TTTCTGATAT AGGTGGTTTT TCAATGTTTC TATCGTCATG
 960
 TTTCTGTT AGCCAGAATG TTTCGATCGT CATGGTTCT GTTAAAGCCA GAATAAAATT
 1020
 AGCCGCTTGC AGTTCAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAACTCG AGACTAGTTC TCTTC
 1075

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:56:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1961 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:56:

GTTTTCCGCC ATTTTCGCC TGTTTCTGCG GAGAATTGTA TCAGGTCGG ATTGGGATTG
 60
 AATCAATTGA AAGGTTTTA TTTTCAGTAT TTGATCGCC ATGCCAACG GAATCAAGAA
 120
 GGTCGAGCAT CTGTACAGAT CGAAGCTTCC CGATATCGAG ATCTCCGACC ATCTGCCTCT
 180
 TCATTCTGAT TGCTTGAGA GAGTAGCGGA ATTGAGAC AGACCCGTGC TGATCGATGG
 240
 GGGGACAGAC AGAACTTATT GCTTTTCAGA GGTGGAACTG ATTTCTCGCA AGGTCGCTGC
 300
 CGGTCTGGCG AAGCTCGGGT TGCAGCAGGG GCAGGTTGTC ATGCTTCTCC TTCCGAATTG
 360
 CATCGAATTG GCGTTGTGT TCATGGGGC CTCTGTCCGG GGCGCCATTG TGACCACGGC
 420
 CAATCCTTTC TACAAGCCGG GCGAGATCSC CAAACAGGCC AAGGCCCGGG GCGCCGCGA
 480
 TCATAGTTAC CCTGGCAGCT TATGTGGAGA AACTGGCCGA TCTGCAGAGC CACGATGTGC
 540
 TCGTCATCAC AATCGATGAT GCTCCCAAGG AAGGTTGCCA ACATATTCC GTTCTGACCG
 600

AAGCCGACGA AACCCAATGC CCGGCCGTGA CAATCCACCC GGACGATGTC GTGGCGTTGC
 660 CCTATTCTTC CGGAACCACG GGGCTCCCCA AGGGCGTGAT GTTAACGCAC AAAGGCCTGG
 720 TGTCAGCGT TGCCCAGCAG GTCGATGGTG AAAATCCCAA TCTGTATTTC CATTCCGATG
 780 ACGTGATACT CTGTGTCTTG CCTCTTTCC ACATCTATTTC TCTCAATTG GTTCTCCTCT
 840 CGCGCAGCTAG AGCCGGGGCT GCGACCCCTGA TTATGCAGAA ATTCAACCTC ACGACCTGTC
 900 TGGAGCTGAT TCAGAAATAC AAGGTTACCG TTGCCCCAAT TGTGCCTCCA ATTGTCCCTGG
 960 ACATCACAAA GAGCCCCATC GTTCCCAGT ACGATGTCTC GGCGTCCGG ATAATCATGT
 1020 CGCGCGCTGC GCCTCTCGGG AAGGAACCTCG AAGATGCCCT CAGAGAGCGT TTTCCAAGG
 1080 CCATTTCCGG GCAGGGCTAC CCCATGACAG AAGCAGGCCCG GGTGCTGGCA ATGAACCTAG
 1140 CCTTCGCAAA GAATCCTTTC CCCGTCAAAT CTGGCTCCTG CGGAACAGTC GTCCGGAACG
 1200 CTCAAATAAA GATCCTCGAT ACAGAAACTG GCGAGTCTCT CCCGCACAAT CAAGCCGGCG
 1260 AAATCTGCAT CCGCGGACCC GAAATAATGA AAGGATATAT TAACGACCCG GAATCCACGG
 1320 CCGCTACAAT CGATGAAGAA GGCTGGCTCC ACACAGGCAG CGTCGGGTAC ATTGACGATG
 1380 ACGAAGAAAT CTTCATAGTC GACAGAGTAA AGGAGATTAT CAAATATAAG GGCTTCCAGG
 1440 TGGCTCCTGC TGAGCTGGAA GCTTTACTTG TTGCTCATCC STCAATCGCT GACGCAGCAG
 1500 TCGTTCCCTCA AAAGCACGAG GAGGCGGGCG AGGTCCGGT GGCGTTCGTG GTGAAGTCGT
 1560 CGGAAATCAG CGAGCAGGAA ATCAAGGAAT TCGTGGCAAA GCAGGTGATT TTCTACAAGA
 1620 AAATACACAG AGTTTACTTT GTGGATGCGA TTCCTAACGTC GCCGTCCGGC AAGATTCTGA
 1680 GAAAGGATTG GAGAACGAGA CTGGCAGCAA AATGAAAATG AATTTCATA TGATTCTAAG
 1740 ATTCCCTTGCG CGATAATTAT AGGATTCCCT TCTGTTCACT TCTATTATA TAATAAAGTG
 1800 GTGCAGAGTA AGCGCCCTAT AAGGAGAGAG AGAGCTTATC AATTGTATCA TATGGATTGT
 1860 CAACGCCCTA CACTCTTGCG ATCGCTTCA ATATGCATAT TACTATAAAC GATATATGTT
 1920 TTTTTATAA ATTTACTGCA CTTCTCGTTC AAAAAAAA A
 1961

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:57:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 1010 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:57:

GACAAACTTG GTCGTTGTT TAGGTTTGTC TGCAAGGTGAA CACTAATATG GAAGGCCAGA
 60 TTGCAGCATT AAGCAAAGAA GATGAGTTCA TTTTCACAG CCCTTTCCCT GCAGTACCTG
 120 TTCCAGAGAA TATAAGTCTT TTCCAGTTG TTCTGGAAGG TGCTGAGAAA TACCGTGATA
 180 AGGTGGCCCT CGTGGAGGCC TCCACAGGGAA AGGAGTACAA CTATGGTCAG GTGATTTCGC
 240

TCACAAGGAA TGTTGCAGCT GGGCTCGTGG ACAAAAGGCAT TCAAAAGGGC GATGTTGTAT
 300
 TTGTTCTGCT TCCAAATATG GCAGAATACC CCATTATTGT GCTGGGAATA ATGTTGGCCG
 360
 GCCCAGTGTGTT TTCTGGGGCA AATCCTCTG CACACATCAA TGAAGTGAA AAACATATCC
 420
 AGGATTCTGG AGCAAAGATT GTTGTGACAG TTGGGTCTGC TTATGAGAAG GTGAGGCAAG
 480
 TGAAAATGCC TGTTATTATT GCAGATAACG AGCATGTCA GAACACAATT CCATTGCAGG
 540
 AAATTTTGAGAGAAACTAT GAGGCCGCAG GGCTTTGT ACAAAATTGT CAGGATGATC
 600
 TGTGTGCACT CCCTTATTCC TCTGGCACCA CAGGGGCCTC TAAAGGTGTC ATGCTCACTC
 660
 ACAGAAAATCT GATTGCAAAT CTGTGCTCTA GCTTGTGTTGA TGTCCATGAA TCTCTTGATG
 720
 GAAATTTCAC CACGTTGGGG CTGATGCCAT TCTTCACAT ATATGGCATIC ACGGGCATCT
 780
 GTTGCGCCAC TCTTCGCAAC GGAGGCAAGG TCGTGGTCAT GTCCAGATTG GATCTCCGAC
 840
 ACTTTATCAG TTCTTGATT ACTTATGAGG TCAACTTCGC GCCTATTGTC CGGCCTATAAA
 900
 TGCTCTCCCT CCGGTTAAA AATCCTATCG TTAACGAGTT CGATCTCAGC CGCTTGAAAC
 960
 TCCAAAGCTG TTCATGACTG CGGCTGCTCC ACTGGCGCCG GATCTACTGC
 1010

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:58:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 741 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:58:

GAATTCCGGCA CGAGACCATT TCCAGCTAAC ATTGGCATAG CAATTGGTCA TTCTATCTT
 60
 GTCAAAGGAG ATCAAACAAA TTTTGAAATT GGACCTAATG GTGTGGAGGC TAGTCAGCTA
 120
 TACCCAGATG TGAAATATAC CACTGTGAT GAGTACCTCA GCAAATTGT GTGAAGTATG
 180
 CGAGATTCTC TTCCACATGC TTCAGAGATA CATAACAGTT TCAATCAATG TTTGTCTAG
 240
 GCATTTGCCA AATTGTGGGT TATAATCCTT CGTAGGTGTT TGGCAGAACAA GAACCTCCTG
 300
 TTAGTATAG TATGACGAGC TAGGCAGTGC AGATCCTCA CACTTTCTC TTCCATAAGA
 360
 AACAAATACT CACCTGTGGT TTGTTTCTT TCTTCTGGA ACTTTGGTAT GGCAATAATG
 420
 TCTTGGAAA CCGCTTAGTG TCCAATGCTA AGTACTAGTG TCCAGAGTTC TAAGGGAGTT
 480
 CCAAAATCAT GGCTGATGTG AACTGGTTGT TCCAGAGGGT GTTTACAACC AACAGTTGTT
 540
 CAGTGAATAA TTTTGTAGA GTGTTAGAT CCATCTTAC AAGGCTATTG AGTAAGGTTG
 600
 GTGTTAGTGA ACGGAATGAT GTCAAATCTT GATGGGCTGA CTGACTCTCT TGTGATGTCA
 660
 AATCTTGATG GATTGTGTCT TTTTCAATGG TAAAAAAA AAAAAAAA AAAAAAAA
 720
 AAAAAAAA AAAAAAAA A
 741

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:59:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 643 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:59:

CTCATCTCGG AGTTGCAGGC TGCAGCTTT GGCCCAAAGC ATGATATCAG ATCAAACGAC
 60 GCAGATGAAG CAAACGGATC AAACAGTTG CGTTACTGGA GCAGCGGTT TCATTGCCTC
 120 ATGGCTTGTC AAGATGCTCC TCATCAGAGG TTACACTGTC AGAGCAGCAG TTGGACCAA
 180 CCCAGCTGAT GATAGGTGGA AGTATGAGCA TCTGCGAGAG TTGGAAGGAG CAAAAGAGAG
 240 GCTTGAGCTT GTGAAAGCTG ATATTCTCCA TTACCAAGAGC TTACTCACAG TCATCAGAGG
 300 TTGCCACGGT GTCTTCACA TGGCTTCAGT TCTCAATGAT GACCCTGAGC AAGTGATAGA
 360 ACCAGCAGTC GAAGGGACGA GGAATGTGAT GGAGGCCTGC GCAGAAACTG GGGTGAAGCG
 420 CGTTGTTTT ACTTCTTCCA TCGGCGCAGT TTACATGAAT CCTCATAGAG ACCCGCTCGC
 480 GATTGTCCAT GATGACTGCT GGAGCGATT GACTACTGCG TACAAACCAA GAATTGGTAT
 540 TGCTATGCAA AACACCTGGC AGAGAAATCT GCATGGATA TTGCTAAGGG AAGGAATTAA
 600 GAGCTTGCAG TGATAAAATCC AGGCCTGGCC TTAGGTCCCT TGA
 643

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:60:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 441 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:60:

GAATTGGCA CGAGAATTT TCTGTGGTAA GCATATCTAT GGCTCAAACC AGAGAGAAGG
 60 ACGATGTCAG CATAACAAAC TCCAAAGGAT TGGTATGCGT GACAGGAGCG GCTGGTTACT
 120 TGGCATCTTG GCTTATCAAG CGTCTCCTCC AGTGTGGTTA CCAAGTGAGA GGAAGTGTGC
 180 GGGATCCTGG CAATGAGAAA AAGATGGCTC ATTTATGGAA GTTAGATGGG GCGAAAGAGA
 240 GACTGCAACT AATGAAAGCT GATTTAATGG ACGAGGGCAG CTTCGATGAG GTCATCAGAG
 300 GCTGCCATGG TGTTTTCAC ACAGCGTCTC CAGTCGTGGG TGTCAAATCA GATCCAAGA
 360 TATGGTATGC TCTGGCCAAG ACTTTAGCAG AAAAAGCAGC ATGGGATTTT GCCCAAGAAA
 420 ACCATCTGGA CATGGTTGCA G
 441

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:61:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 913 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid

- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:61:

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GAATTCCGGCA CGAGGAAAC ATCATCCAGG CATTTGGAA ATTTAGCTCG CCGGTTGATT
60
CAGGATCCTG CAATGGCTT TGGCGAAGAG CAGACTGCCT TGCCACAAGA AACGCCCTTG
120
AATCCTCCGG TCCATCGAGG AACAGTGTGC GTTACAGGAG CTGCTGGTT CATAGGGTCA
180
TGGCTCATCA TGCGATTGCT TGAGCGAGGA TATAGTGTGA GAGCAACTGT GCGAGACACT
240
GGTAATCCTG TAAAGACAAA GCATCTGTTG GATCTGCCGG GGGCAAATGA GAGATTGACT
300
CTCTGGAAAG CAGATTGGA TGATGAAGGA AGCTTGATG CTGCCATTGA TGGGTGTGAG
360
GGTGTTCAC ATGTTGCCAC TCCCATGGAT TTCTGAGTCCG AGGATCCCGA GAATGAGATA
420
ATTAAGCCAA CAATCACACGG GGTCTTGAAT GTTATGAGAT CGTGTGCAAA AGCCAAGTCC
480
GTGAAGCGAG TTGTTTCAC GTCATCTGCT GGGACTGTGA ATTTTACAGA TGATTTCCAA
540
ACACCAGGCA AAGTTTTGA CGAACATCATGC TGGACCAACG TGGATCTTG CAGAAAAGTT
600
AAAATGACAG GATGGATGTA CTTTGTATCG AAGACATTAG CAGAGAAAGC TGCTTGGGAT
660
TTTGCAGAGG AGAACAAAGAT CGATCTCATT ACTGTTATCC CCACATTGGT CGTTGGACCA
720
TTCATTATGC AGACCATGCC ACCGAGCATG ATCACAGCCT TGGCACTGTT AACGCGGAAT
780
GAACCCCCACT ACATGATACT GAGACAGGTA CAGCTGGTTC ACTTGGATGA TCTCTGTATG
840
TCACATATCT TTGTATATGA ACATCCTGAA GCAAAGGGCA GATAACATCTC TTCCACATGT
900
GATGCTACCC ATT
913

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:62:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 680 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:62:

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GAATTCCGGCA CGAGATCAAT TTTGCATAT TATTAAGGAA TAAGTGTATT CGTTCTCTAT
60
ATTGATCAGT CACAGAGTCA TGGCCAGTTG TGTTCCGAG AAAGTAAGAG GGTTGAATGG
120
AGATGAAGCA TGCAGAGAGA ACAAGAGAGT GGTTGTGTA ACTGGGGCAA ATGGGTACAT
180
CGGCTCTTGG CTGGTCATGA GATTACTGGA ACATGGCTAT TATGTTCATG GAACTGTTAG
240
GGACCCAGAA GACACAGGGA AGGTTGGCA TTTGCTGCGG CTCCCAGGGG CAAGTGAGAA
300
GCTAAAGCTG TTCAAGGCAG AGCTAACGA CGAAATGGCC TTTGATGATG CTGTGAGCGG
360
TTGTCAAGGG GTTTCCACG TTGCCAAGCC TGTAAATCTG GACTCAAACG CTCTTCAGGG
420
GGAGGTTGTT GGTCCCTGCGG TGAGGGGAAC AGTAAATCTG CTTCGAGCCT CGGAACGATC
480

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GGGCACTGTG AAACGAGTGA TACATACCTC GTCCGTTCA GCAGTGAGAT TCACTGGAA
 540 ACCTGACCCC CCTGATACTG TGCTGGATGA ATCTCATTGG ACTTCGGTCG AGTATTGCAG
 600 AAAGACAAAG ATGGTCGGAT GGATGTACTA CATGCCAAC ACTTATGCAG AAGAGGGAGC
 660 CCATAAGTTC GGATCAGAGA
 680

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:63:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 492 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:63:

GAATTCGGCA CGAGGCTGGT TCAAGTGTCA GCCCAATGGC CTCCCCTACA GAGAATCCCC
 60 AGATTCAGA AGAGCTGCTA AATCATGAGA TCCATCAAGG AAGTACAGTA TGTGTGACAG
 120 GAGCTGCTGG CTTCATAGGA TCATGGCTCG TCATGCGTT GCTTGAGCGA GGATATACTG
 180 TTAGAGGAAC TGTGCGAGAC ACTGGTAATC CGGTGAAGAC GAAGCATCTA TTGGATCTGC
 240 CTGGGGCGAA TGAGAGGTTA ACTCTCTGGA AAGCAGATT GGATGATGAA GGAAGCTTG
 300 ACGCCGCCAT TGATGGTTGT GAGGGAGTT TCCATGTTGC CACTCCCATG GATTTGAAT
 360 CCGAGGACCC CGAGAACGAG ATAATTAAAC CCGCTGTCAA TGGGATGTTG AATGTTTG
 420 GATCGTGTGG GAAAACCAAG TCTATGAAGC GAGTTGTTT CACGTCGTCT GCTGGGACTC
 480 TGCTTTTAC GG
 492

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:64:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 524 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:64:

GAATTCGGCA CGAGCTTGTGTT CAAAGTCACA TATCTTATTT TCTTTGTGAT ATCTGCAATT
 60 TCCAAGCTTT TCGTCTACCT CCCTGAAAAG ATGAGCGAGG TATGCGTGAC AGGAGGCACA
 120 GGCTTCATAG CTGCTTATCT CATTCTGAGT CTTCTCCAGA AAGGTTACAG AGTCGCAC
 180 ACAGTTCGCA ACCCAGATAA TGTGGAGAAG TTTAGTTATC TGTGGGATCT GCCTGGTGCA
 240 AACGAAAAGAC TCAACATCGT GAGAGCAGAT TTGCTAGAGG AAGGCAGTT TGATGCAGCA
 300 GTAGATGGTG TAGATGGAGT ATTCCATACT GCATCACCTG TCTTAGTCCC ATATAACGAG
 360 CGCTTGAAGG AAACCCTAAT AGATCCTTGT GTGAAGGGCA CTATCAATGT CCTCAGGTCC
 420 TGTCAAGAT CACCTTCAGT AAAGCGGGTG GTGCTTACAT CCTCCTGCTC ATCAATACCG
 480

ATACGACTAT AATAGCTTAG AGCGTTCCCT GCTGGACTGA GTCA
524

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:65:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 417 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:65:

TCCTAATTGT TCGATCCTCC CTTTAAAGC CCTTCCTGG CCTTCATTCC AGGTACAGA
60
GTTGTTCATG CAGTGCTAGC AGGAGGAGCA GCGTTGCAAT TGGGGAAAAT TCCAAAATCA
120
ATAACGAGAG GACAGAAGTA AGTTTGTGGA AATAGCAACC ATGCCGGTGT TTCCCTCTGG
180
TCTGGACCCC TCTGAGGACA ATGGCAAGCT CGTTTGTGTC ATGGATGCGT CCAGTTATGT
240
AGGTTTGTGG ATTGTTCAAGG GCCTTCTTCA ACGAGGCTAT TCAGTGCATG CCACGGTSCA
300
GAGAGACGCT GGCGAGGTTG AGTCTCTCAG AAAATTGCAT GGGGATCGAT TGAGATCTT
360
CTATGCAGAT GTCTTGGATT ATCACAGCAT TACTGATGCG CTCAAGGGCT GTTCTGG
417

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:66:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 511 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:66:

ATGACACGAA TTTGTGCCTC TCTCTGACCA GAGCTTGAAG CTCTGTCTTC TCTGATATCG
60
CTTCATTCCA TCATCCAGGA GCTTCTGTTA TATCCATTTC CTCAAAATGG ATGCCTACCT
120
TGAAGAAAAT GGATACGGCG CTTCCAATTC TCGAAATTAA ATGTGCCTTA CCGGGGGCTG
180
GAGTTTCTG GGGATTTCATA TCGCAAGAAT GCTGCTCGGC CGGGGTTACT CAGTCCGTTT
240
CGCAATTCCG GTAACGCCAG AAGAGGCAGG CTCACTTATG GAATCCGAAG AACGATTATC
300
GGGGAAGCTG GAGATATGCC AAGCCGATCT CTTGGATTAT CGCAGCGTTT TCGGCAACAT
360
CAATGGTTGC TCCGGAGTCT TCCACGTCCC TGCGCCCTGT GATCATCTGG ATGGATTACA
420
GGAGTATCCG GTATGATTAG TTTAATAGAT TGACGGGGTA TCCTGTATGA ATTAGTTAT
480
GAATTTAAGG TTTTCTTAGA ATTTGGATAC T
511

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:67:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 609 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:67:

CATTGATAGT TGATGGAAGA CCATCAGTAA AGCATGAAAA AGAAATTGTT CCAAGGTGAA
 60
 GAAGTCAGTT GCTCCAGCAG AACCTTTTA GCAATTGTTT TTGTATCCTT TTTGCCTTG
 120
 AATATGTAAT CCATAAAACTT ATGCAGGAAG TGCCTCGTGC CGAATTGGC ACGAGAAC
 180
 CTGACCTTCA CATATTATT CCAATTCTAA TATCTCTACT CGCTGTCTAC CTGATTTTC
 240
 AGTGGCGAAC CAACTTGACA GGTTGGACA TGGCAAACAG CAGCAAGATT CTGATTATTG
 300
 GAGGAACAGG CTACATTGGT CGTCATATAA CCAAAGCCAG CCTTGCTCTT GGTCACTCCA
 360
 CATCCTTCT TGTCAGAGAG ACCTCCGCTT CTAATCCTGA GAAGGCTAAG CTTCTGGAAT
 420
 CCTTCAAGGC CTCAGGTGCT ATTACTCC ATGGATCTTT GGAGGACCAT GCAAGTCTTG
 480
 TGGAGGCAAT CAAGAAAGTT GATGTAGTTA TCTCGGCTGT CAAGGGACCA CAGCTGACGG
 540
 TTCAAACAGG ATATTTATCC AGGGTATTTA AAGGGAGGGT TGGAAACCAT CAAGAAGGGT
 600
 TTTGCCAA
 609

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:68:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 474 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:68:

GCAAGATAGG TTTTATTCTT CTGGAGTTGG GTGAGGCTTG GAAATTAAAG TAAAAAGGGT
 60
 GCATAGCAAT TAAGCAGTTG CAGCCATGGC GGTCTGTGGA ACTGAAGTAG CTCATACTGT
 120
 GCTCTATGTA GCTGCAGACA TGGTGGAAAA CAACACGTCT ATTGTGACCA CCTCTATGGC
 180
 TGCAGCAAAT TGTGAGATGG AGAAGCCTCT TCTAAATTCC TCTGCCACCT CAAGAATACT
 240
 GGTGATGGGA GCCACAGGTT ACATTGGCCG TTTTGTGCCCC CAAGAAGCTG TTGCTGCTGG
 300
 TCATCCTACC TATGCTCTTA TACGCCCGTT TGCTGCTTGT GACCTGGCCA AAGCACAGCG
 360
 CGTCCAACAA TTGAAGGATG CCGGGGTCCA TATCCTTTAT GGGTCTTGA GTGATCACAA
 420
 CCTCTTAGTA AATACATTGA AGGACATGGG CCGTTGTTAT CTCTACCATT GGAG
 474

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:69:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 474 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:69:

GCAAGATAGG TTTTATTCTT CTGGAGTTGG GTGAGGCCTTG GAAATTTAAG TAAAAAGGGT
 60
 GCATAGCAAT TAAGCAGTTG CAGCCATGGC GGTCTGTGGA ACTGAAGTAG CTCATACTGT
 120
 GCTCTATGTA GCTGCAGACA TGGTGGAAAA CAACACGTCT ATTGTGACCA CCTCTATGGC
 180
 TGCGAGCAAAT TGTGAGATGG AGAACGCCTCT TCTAAATTCC TCTGCCACCT CAAGAATACT
 240
 GGTGATGGGA GCCACAGGTT ACATTGGCCG TTTTGTGACCA CGAGAAGCTG TTGCTGCTGG
 300
 TCATCCTACC TATGCTCTTA TACGCCCGTT TGCTGCTTGT GACCTGGCCA AAGCACAGCG
 360
 CGTCCAACAA TTGAAGGATG CCGGGGTCCA TATCCTTTAT GGGTCTTGA GTGATCACAA
 420
 CCTCTTAGTA AATACATTGA AGGACATGGG CCCTTGTAT CTCTACCATT GGAG
 474

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:70:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 608 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:70:

CATTGATAGT TGATGGAAGA CCATCAGTAA AGCATGAAAA AGAAATTGTT CCAAGGTGAA
 60
 GAAGTCAGTT GCTCCAGCAG AACCTTTTA GCAATTGTT TTGTATCCTT TTTGCCTTTG
 120
 AATATGTAAT CCATAAAACTT ATGCAGGAAG TGCCTCGTGC CGAATTGGC ACGAGAATCA
 180
 CTGACCTTCA AATATTATT CCAATTCTAA TATCTCTACT CGCTGTCTAC CTGATTTTC
 240
 AGTGGCGAAC CAACTGACA GGGTTGGACA TGGCCAACAG CAGCAAGATT CTGATTATTG
 300
 GAGGAACAGG CTACATTGGT CGTCATATAA CCAAAGCCAG CCTTGCTCTT GGTCACTCCA
 360
 CATTCCTTCT TGTCAGAGAG ACCTCCGCTT CTAATCCTGA GAAGGCTAAG CTTCTGGAAT
 420
 CCTTCAAGGC CTCAGGTGCT ATTATACTCC ATGGATCTTT GGAGGACCAT GCAAGTCTTG
 480
 TGGAGGCAAT CAAGAAAAGTT GATGTAGTTA TCTCGGCTGT CAAGGGACCA CAGCTGACGG
 540
 ATCAAACAGG ATATTATCC AGGGTATTAA AAGGGAGGTT GGAACCCATC AAGAAGGGTT
 600
 TTGGCCAA
 608

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:71:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 1474 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:71:

GAATTGGCA CGAGAAAACG TCCATAGCTT CCTTGCCAAC TGCAAGCAAT ACAGTACAAG
 60
 AGCCAGACGA TCGAATCCTG TGAAGTGGTT CTGAAGTGAT GGGAGCTTG GAATCTGAAA
 120

AAACTGTTAC AGGATATGCCA GCTCGGGACT CCAGTGGCCA CTTGTCCCCCT TACACCTTACA
180
ATCTCAGAAA GAAAGGACCT GAGGATGTAA TTGTAAAGGT CATTACTGC GGAATCTGCC
240
ACTCTGATTT AGTTCAAATG CGTAATGAAA TGGACATGTC TCATTACCCA ATGGTCCCTG
300
GGCATGAACT GGTGGGGATT GTAACAGAGA TTGGCAGCGA GGTGAAGAAA TTCAAAGTGG
360
GAGAGCATGT AGGGGTTGGT TGCATTGTTG GGTCCTGTCG CAGTTGCGGT AATTGCAATC
420
AGAGCATGGA ACAATACTGC AGCAAGAGGA TTTGGACCTA CAATGATGTG AACCATGACG
480
GCACACCTAC TCAGGGCGGA TTTGCAAGCA GTATGGTGGT TGATCAGATG TTTGTGGTTC
540
GAATCCCAGGA GAATCTTCCT CTGGAACAAG CGGCCCCCTCT GTTATGTGCA GGGGTTACAG
600
TTTCAGCCC AATGAAGCAT TTCGCCATGA CAGAGCCCGG GAAGAAATGT GGGATTTGG
660
GTTTAGGAGG CGTGGGGCAC ATGGGTGTCA AGATTGCCAA AGCCTTTGGA CTCCACGTGA
720
CGGTTATCAG TTCGTCTGAT AAAAAGAAAG AAGAAGCCAT GGAAGTCCTC GGCGCCGATG
780
CTTATCTTGT TAGCAAGGAT ACTGAAAAGA TGATGGAAGC AGCAGAGAGC CTAGATTACA
840
TAATGGACAC CATTCCAGTT GCTCATCCTC TGGAACCATATA TCTTGCCCTT CTGAAGACAA
900
ATGGAAAGCT AGTGATGCTG GGCGTTGTT CAGAGCCGTT GCACCTCGTG ACTCCTCTCT
960
TAATACTTGG GAGAAGGAGC ATAGCTGGAA GTTTCATTGG CAGCATGGAG GAAACACAGG
1020
AAACTCTAGA TTTCTGTGCA GAGAAGAAGG TATCATCGAT GATTGAGGTT GTGGGCCTGG
1080
ACTACATCAA CACGGCCATG GAAAGGTTGG AGAAGAACGA TGTCCGTTAC AGATTGTGG
1140
TGGATGTTGC TAGAAGCAAG TTGGATAATT AGTCTGCAAT CAATCAATCA GATCAATGCC
1200
TGCATGCAAG ATGAATAGAT CTGGACTAGT AGCTTAACAT GAAAGGGAAA TTAAATTTTT
1260
ATTTAGGAAC TCGATACTGG TTTTGTAC TTTAGTTAG CTTTTGTGAG GTGAAACAA
1320
TTCAGATGTT TTTTTAACCT GTATATGTAA AGATCAATT CTCGTGACAG TAAATAATPA
1380
TCCAAATGTCT TCTGCCAAAT TAATATATGT ATTCTGATTT TTATATGAAA AAAAAAAA
1440
AAAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAAA AAAAA
1474

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:72:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1038 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:72:

GAATTCCGGCA CGAGAGAGGG TTATATATCT TGATTCTGAC CTGATTGTCG TCGACGACAT
60
TGCCAAGCTC TGGGCCACGG ATTTGGAATC TCGTGTCTC GGGGCACCAG AGTAAGTGC
120
GGCGAATTTC ACAAAAGTATT TCACCGATAA TTTCTGGTGG GATCCCGCAT TATCCAAGAC
180
CTTTGAGGGT AAAAAAACCT GCTACTTCAA CACAGGGCGTA ATGGTGATCG ATCTTGAAAA
240

ATGGCGGGCA GGGGAATTCA CAAGAAAGAT CGAAATCTGG ATGGACATAAC AGAAGGAACG
 300
 CCGTATCTAT GAGCTCGGAT CATTACCGCC ATTTTACTG GTATTTGCTG GTTTGGTTAA
 360
 GCAAGTCGAT CATCGTTGGA ATCAGCACGG TTTAGGCAGA GATAATTGCA AAGGCCTTG
 420
 CCGAGATCTT CACCCCTGGAC CTGTCAGTTT GTTGCATTGG AGTGGTAAGG GCAAACCTTG
 480
 GCTACGCCCTG GAATGCCAAG CGGACTTGCC CTCGGATAC TTTATGGCT CCTTATGATC
 540
 TTTATCGATC AACGTATTAC CTAAATGGGT GAGAGAGCCT CTCTCCTCGG GGTGCTTTTT
 600
 ATCGAATTAA ACCTGATTG ATAAAATGCC AAATAGAACT TTACGCCTAT GCATCTTCA
 660
 GTTTTGAATT TCAATTCTGG TAACGAATAG AAGAAAACAA TAGCACAGCC ACAGGCAGGA
 720
 CAAATCCATC ATGAGGGACC AATCGTTGA ATTTAGTATT AATARGGTG TTCCATATAA
 780
 CGCCTGTGAA GAATGATATT GTGGACTGAT CTATTTATAT TTGTACTGCC ATGCCATCCT
 840
 CAGCCAGCAG AGAGGCAAGC AATGCCGCTG CAAGTCATGT AGGGAAAGGCG TTGTGAACTC
 900
 AATTTTCGGC GACTGTACAG GATGTAATT TTTGGAACAT TAATATCATT ATGATAAGTT
 960
 CCTGAACCAA CAACTGTATA ATACCTTATA AATGTATCTG CAACTCCATT TTGCAATAAA
 1020
 AAAAAAAA AAAAAAAA
 1038

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:73:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 372 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:73:

CTAGGGGTCT TGGGGGGTTC CTGATGCCA ATTGTTGCTG TGCTTGGCAT GAACCCAAAA
 60
 CATGCAAGAG ATCTGTAGTC AGTAGTCTTG TTGGATCTAT AGCTTTAGA AAAGAGTCAC
 120
 GTCCCTTTAG GGTAACATCA TTCCAACCAT ATCCAGTTCC ACCACCGGCT ACACCTTCAA
 180
 CGGGAGGAGG AGCAAGATAT TCAGCATTGC TTTGGGCACC AGATGGATAG GCATTATTT
 240
 CCATCGGAAT TCAGCCGAGC TCGCCCCCTC AGTCCAATCG TCGTAAAAT CCCTCAAAAT
 300
 TGGGCAATTG TGGCTCGAAA TCGCCAAATT ATGGGCTACA ACAGGATTAA AATTGCACAG
 360
 AAATCTGCCA GT
 372

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:74:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 545 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:74:

AAAGAATTCG GCACGAGGGC AATCCGAGCC TAGCCACCA ACTTGGCAGC AAGGAGCACA
 60
 GGGAGTTGGC GAGAGAAGCT GTTAGGAAAT CTTTGGTATT GTTGAAAAAT GGGAAAGTCAG
 120
 CCAACAAGCC TTTGCTCCCT TTGGAGAAGA ATGCTTCAA GGTTCTTGTG GCAAGGAACCC
 180
 ATCCTGATAA TCTGGGTTAT CAGTGTGGTG GATGGACGAT GGAATGGCAA GGGATTAAGTG
 240
 GAAACATAAAC CGTAGGAACT ACAATTCTGG AAGCTATCAA ACTAGCTGTC AGCCCCCTCTA
 300
 CTGAAAGTGGT TTATGAGCAA AATCCAGATG CTAACATATGT CAAAGGACAA GGGTTTTCAT
 360
 ATGCCATTGT GGTTGTGGT GAGGCACCAT ACGCAGAAAC GTTTGGAGAC AATCTTAATT
 420
 TGACCATTCC CCTAGGCGGA GGGGACACGA TTAAGACGGT CTGTGGCTCC TTGAAATGCC
 480
 TTGTAATCTT GATATCTGGA AGGCCACTTG TTATTGAACC TTATCTTCCA TTGGTGGATC
 540
 GTTT
 545

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:75:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 463 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:75:

GCAGGTCGAC ACTAGTGGAT CCAAAGAATT CGGCACGAGA AAAAACAAAT GTTAGCTAGC
 60
 CTAGTGTGATGA GCTTTACGTA TACCTGGCCT TTTATACATG GATCTGAGTT TTTATGCAGG
 120
 TGTAGAGCCT TTTGTTACTC TGTATCACTG GGACTTGCCA CAAGCTCTGG AGGACGAATA
 180
 CGGTGGATTT CGTAGCAAAA AAGTTGTGGA TGACTTTGGC ATATTCTCAG AAGAATGCTT
 240
 TCGTGCTTTT GGAGACCGTG TGAAGTACTG GGTAACTGTT AACGAAACCGT TGATCTTCTC
 300
 ATATTTTTCT TACGATGTGG GGCTTCACGC ACCGGGCCGC TGTTGCGCTG GATTGGAAA
 360
 CTGCACTGCG GGAAATTCAAG CGACAGAGCC TTATATTGTA GCCCATAAACG TGCTTCTTGC
 420
 ACATAGTACC GCTGTTAAAA ATATATAGCA TAAATACCCA GGG
 463

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:76:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 435 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:76:

ACACATAGTGG ATCCAAAGAA TTCGGCACGA GGCTACCATC TTCCCTCATA ATATTGGGCT
 60
 TGGAGCTACC AGGGATCCTG ATCTGGCTAG AAGAATAGGG GCTGCTACGG CTTTGGAAAGT
 120
 TCGAGCTACT GGCATTCAAT ACACATTGCG TCCATGTGTT GCTGTTGCA GAGATCCTCG
 180

ATGGGGCCGC TGCTATGAGA GCTACAGTGA GGATCCAAA ATTGTCAAGG CCTATGACTGA
 240
 GATTATCGTT GGCCTGCAAG GGAATCCTCC TGCTAATTCT ACAAAAGGGG GGCCTTTAT
 300
 AGCTGGACAG TCAAATGTTG CAGCTTGTGC TAAGCATTTC GTGGGTTATG STGGAACAAAC
 360
 CAAAGGTATC GATGAGAATA ATACTGTTAT CAACTATCPA GGGTTATTTC AACATTCCPA
 420
 ATTACCCCCA ATTTT
 435

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:77:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 451 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:77:

GAATTCGGCA CGAGCCTAGA ATTCTATGGT GAAAATTGTT GGGACAAGGC TGCCCAAGTT
 60
 TACAAAGGAA CAGTCCAAA TGGTTAAAGG TTCAATAGAC TATCTAGGCG TTAACCAATA
 120
 CACTGCTTAT TACATGTATG ATCCTAAACA ACCTAAACAA AATGTAACAG ATTACCAAGAC
 180
 TGGACTGGAA TACAGGCTTT GCATATGCTC GCAATGGAGT GCCTATTGGA CCAAGGGCGA
 240
 ACTCCAATTG GCTTACATT GTGCCTGGG GTCTATACAA GGCGTCACA TACGTAAPAG
 300
 AACACTATGG AAATCCAATC ATGATTCTCT CTGAAAATGG AATGGACGAC STGGAAACGT
 360
 GACACTTCCA GCAGGACTGC ATGATACCAC CAGGGTAAC TACTATAAAA SCTATTTGCA
 420
 AAATTGATT AATGCACGTG AATGACCGGG G
 451

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:78:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 374 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:78:

CTGCTCTGCA AGCAGTACTA TGCACAGCAA GGCTGCTTA ACTGAAAACA GAGCGCTGAG
 60
 CTTGAGGAA CGCTCAAGCA TTGCTGAGGC CACCGTTAT CTAAATAGCG CAACATAGGG
 120
 CTTCAGAAATGCA ATGGCAATGG CACAAGCATT CAGAGGCCGT GTCTTGCAAG CTGCCCGTT
 180
 GCTCCGCCG AACATTCTGC CGGAGGATAA AAGCTTGGG TCCGCTGCTT CTCCCTAGACG
 240
 AGCTCTTACG CTGCTCTCAT CAAAAGCCTT CATCTTTTC TCTGTTGAAC GGCATCGGCT
 300
 AGCTGCTACA AATTCAACAA TTGTGTTGCA ATCTCGAAAC TTTTCTGCAA AAGGTAAAAA
 360
 GACAGGACAA TCTG
 374

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:79:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 457 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:79:

GAAGAATGGA AGAGATTAAT GGTGATAACG CAGTAAGGAG GAGCTGCTTT CCTCCAGGTT
 60 TCATGTTGG GATAGCAACT TCTGCTTATC AGTGTGAAGG AGCTGCCAAC GAAGGTGGAA
 120 AAGGCCAAG CATCTGGGAC TCATTTCAC GAACACCAGG CAAAATTCTT GATGGAAGCA
 180 ACGGTGATGT AGCAGTGGAT CAGTATCATC GTTATAAGGC AGATGTAAAAA CTGATGAAAG
 240 ATATGGCGT GGCTACCTAC AGATTCTGA TTTCATGGCC TCGTATATTTC CCAAAGGGAA
 300 AAGGAGAGAT CAATGAGGAA GGAGTAGCCT ATTACAATAA CCTCATCAAT GAACTCCTCC
 360 AGAATGGAAT CCAAGCCTCT GTCAACTTTG TTTCACTGGG ATACTCCCCA GTCTCTGGAG
 420 GATGAATATG CGGGATTCT GAGGCCAAC ATTGTGA
 457

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:80:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 346 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:80:

GGTGTGATGG CAGGAATTCC AGTCCTAAGG CCATTTGCA TCTGTTGCT TTCAGTCTAC
 60 ATGCTGCACA TTGTAGCTGC AGTAGCTTC CCAAGGCTAG GTAGAACGAG CTTCCAAGG
 120 GTTTCAATT TTGGTGCAGG GTCATCTGCT TATCAGGCGG AAGGAGCTGC TCATGAGGGT
 180 GCACAAAGGCC CAAGCATTG GGATACATTC TCCCACACTC CAGGTAAAAT CGCTGATGGG
 240 AATATTGGGA TGTTGCAGTA GATCAATACC ACCGTTATAA GGAAGATGTG CAGCTCTCA
 300 AATACATGGG AATGGACGTC TATCGTTCT CTATCTCCTG GTCACG
 346

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:81:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 957 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:81:

GAATTGGCA CGAGAAAGCC CTAGAATTTC TTCAGCATGC TATCACAGCC CCAGCGACAA
 60 CTTTAACCTG AATAACTGTG GAAGCGTACA AAAAGTTGT CCTAGTTCT CTCATTGAGA
 120

CTGGTCAGGT TCCAGCATT CCAAATACA CACCTGCTGT TGTCCAAGA AATTTGA¹⁸⁰
 CTTGCACTCA GCCCTACATT GATTTAGCAA ACAACTACAG TAGTGGGAAA ATTTCTGTAT
 TGGAAGCTTG TGTCAACACG AACACAGAGA AGTCAAGAA TGATAGTAAT TTGGGGTTAG
 TCAAGCAAGT TTTGTCACTCT CTTTATAAAC GGAATATTCA GAGATTGACA CAGACATATC
 TGACCCCTCTC TCTTCAAGAC ATAGCAAGTA CGGTACAGTT GGAGACTGCT AACAGGGCTG
 AACTCCATGT TCTGCAGATG ATTCAAGATG GTGAGATTT TGCAACCATA AATCAGAAAG
 ATGGGATGGT GAGCTCAAT GAGGATCCTG AACAGTACAA AACATGTCAG ATGACTGAAT
 ATATAGATAC TGCAATTCTGG AGAATCATGG CACTATCAA GAAGCTCACC ACAGTAGATG
 AGCAGATTTC GTGTGATCAT TCCTACCTGA GTAAGGTGGG GAGAGAGCGT TCAAGATTTG
 ACATAGATGA TTTTGATACT GTTCCCCAGA AGTTCACAAA TATGTAACAA ATGATGTAAA
 TCATCTTCAA GACTCGCTTA TATTCAATTAC TTTCTATGTG AATTGATAGT CTGTTAACAA
 TAGTACTGTG GCTGAGTCCA GAAAGGATCT CTCGGTATTA TCACATTGACA TGCCATCPAA
 AAAATCTCAA ATTTCTCGAT GTCTAGTCTT GATTTGATT ATGAATGCGA CTTTTAGTTG
 TGACATTGAG GCACCTCGAG TGAACACAA AGTTGCATGT TAAAAAAA AAAAAAA
 957

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:82:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 489 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:82:

GCAGGGTCGAC ACTAGTGGAT CCAAAGAATT CGGCACGAGA TAAGACTAAT TTTCCAGACA
 ATCCTCCATT CCCATTCAAT TACACTGGTA CTCCACCCAA TAATACACAG GCTGTGAATG
 GGACTAGAGT AAAAGTCCTT CCCTTTAACCA CAACTGTTCA ATTGATTCTT CAAGACACCA
 GCATCTTCAG CACAGACAGC CACCCGTGCC ATCTCCATGG TTTCAATTTC TTTGTGGTGG
 GCCAAGGTGT TGGAAACTAC AATGAATCAA CAGATGCACC AAATTTAAC CTCATTGACC
 CTGTCGAGAG AAACACTGTG GGAGTTCCA AAGGAGGTTG GGCTGCTATA AGATTCGTG
 CAGACAATCC AGGGGTTGG TTCATGCACT GTCATTTGGA GGTCACACCA TCGTGGGGAC
 TGAAAATGCC GTGGGTAGTA AAGAACGGAA AAGGGCCCAT CGATTTCCA CCCGGGTGGG
 TACCAAGTAA
 489

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:83:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 471 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:83:

GAATTGGCA CGAGAAAACC TTTTCAGACG AATGTTCTGA TGCTCGGCC CGGCCAGACA
 60 ACAGACATAC TTCTCACTGC CAATCAGGCT ACAGGTAGAT ACTACATGGC TGCTCGAGCA
 120 TATTCCAACG GGCAAGGAGT TCCCTTCGAT AACACCACTA CCACTGCCAT TTTAGAATAC
 180 GAGGGAAAGCT CTAAGACTTC AACTCCAGTC ATGCCTAACAT TTCCATTCTA TAACGACACC
 240 AACAGTGCTA CTAGCTTCGS TAATGGTCTT AGAAGCTTGG GCTCACACGA CCACCCAGTC
 300 TTCGTTCCCTC AGAGTGTGGA GGAGAATCTG TTCTACACCA TCGGTTTGGG GTTGATCAAA
 360 TGTCCGGGGC AGTCTTGTGG AGGTCCAACG GATCAAGATT TGCAGCAAGT ATGAATACAT
 420 ATCATTTGTC CCGCAACCAC TTCTTCCAAT CCTTCAAGCT CAGCATTG G
 471

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:84:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 338 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:84:

GTTCGGCACT GAGAGATCCA TTTCTTCAA TGTTGAGACA GTGAGTAGTA TTAGTTGAT
 60 ATCTCTTCA GGAATATATC GTGCTTGCAG GATCTTAGT TTCTGCAACA ATGTCGTTGC
 120 AATCAGTGCG TCTATCTTCT GCTCTCCTTG TTTTGCTACT AGCATTGTT GCTTACTTAG
 180 TTGCTGTAAC AAACGCAGAT GTCCACAATT ATACCTTCAT TATTAGAAAG AGACAGTTAC
 240 CAGGCTATGC AATAAGCGTA TAATGCCAC CGTCAATGGC AGCTACCAGG CCCAACTATT
 300 CATGTACGTG ATGGAGACGT TGTAAATTAT CAAAGCTT
 338

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:85:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 1229 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:85:

AGAGAAATAA TTATATTGT AAATTTAAGT CTACGTTAT TAAAAAACTA CAACCCCTAAA
 60 TGCAGGAGAA AAAACAAGCA TGCTGTCTAC TGAAGCTTAC AAATCAAATC CCTGCGATAT
 120 GTCTTTCTC GTGCCAATT CGGCACGAGA AGATCTGGT TCGAGTCTCT CAGCTCTCTC
 180 CAAAGGAATT TTGTGGTCA TTTGCAGGTG AAGACACCAT GGTGAAGGCT TATCCCACCG
 240 TAAGCGAGGA GTACAAGGCT GCCATTGACA AATGCAAGAG GAAGCTCCGA GCTCTCATTG
 300

CAGAGAAGAA CTGTGCGCCG ATCATGGTC GAATCGCATG GCACAGCGCT GGGACTTACG
 360
 ATGTCAAGAC CAAGACCGGA GGGCCCTTCG GGACGATGAG ATATGGGCC GAGCTTGCCC
 420
 ACGGTGCTAA CAGTGGTCTG GACATCGCAG TTAGGCTCCT GGAGCCAATC AAGGAACAGT
 480
 TCCCCATAAT CACCTATGCT GACCTTTATC AGTGGCTGG TGTGGTGGCT GTTGAAGTGA
 540
 CGGGGGGACC TGACATTCCG TTCCATCCTG GAAGAGAAGA CAAGCCTGAG CCTCCAGAAG
 600
 AAGGCCGCCT TCCTGATGCT ACAAAAGGAC CTGATCATCT GAGGGATGTT TTTGGTCACA
 660
 TGGGGTTGAA TGATAAGGAA ATTGTGGCCT TGTCTGGTGC CCACACCTTG GGGAGATGCC
 720
 ACAAGGAGAG ATCTGGTTT GAAGGACCAT GGACCTCTAA CCCCCCTTATC TTTGACAAC
 780
 CTTACTTCAC AGAGCTTGTG ACTGGAGAGA AGGAAGGCCT GCTTCAGTTG CCATCTGATA
 840
 AGGCACTGCT TGCTGATCCT AGTTTGAG CTTATGTTCA GAAGTATGCA CAGGACGAAG
 900
 ACGCTTCTT TGCTGACTAT GCGGAAGCTC ACCTGAAGCT TTCTGAACCTT GGGTTGCTG
 960
 ATGCGTAGAT TCATACCTTC TGCAGAGACA ATTCTTGCT AGATAGCTTC STTTGTATT
 1020
 TCATCTAATC TTTTCGATTA TATAGTCACA TAGAAGTTGG TGTTATGCGC CATAGTGATA
 1080
 CTTGAACCTA CATGTTTTG AAAAGTATCG ATGTTCTTA AAATGAAACAT TGAATACAAC
 1140
 ATTTTGAAT CTGGTTGTGT TCTATCAAGC GCATATTTA ATCGAATGCT TCGTTCTGT
 1200
 TAAAAAAAAA AATAAAATAA AAAAAAAA
 1229

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:96:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1410 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:86:

GAAGATGGGG CTGTGGTGG TGCTGGCTTT GGCGCTCAGT GCGCACTATT GCAGTCTCAG
 60
 GCTTACAATG TGGTAAGTTC AAGCAATGCT ACTGGGAGTT ACAGTGAGAA TGGATTGGTG
 120
 ATGAATTACT ATGGGGACTC TTGCCCTCAG GCTGAAGAGA TCATTGCTGA ACAAGTACGC
 180
 CTGTTGTACA AAAGACACAA GAACACTGCA TTCTCATGGC TTAGAAATAT TTTCCATGAC
 240
 TGTGCTGTGG AGTCATGTGA TGCATCGCTT CTGTTGGACT CAACAGGAA CAGCATATCA
 300
 GAAAAGGACA CTGACAGGAG CTTCGGCCTC CGCAACTTTA GGTATTGGA TACCATCAAG
 360
 GAAGCCGTGG AGAGGGAGTG CCCCGGGGTC GTTCTCTGTG CAGATATACT CGTTCTCTCT
 420
 GCCAGAGATG GCGTTGTATC GTTGGGAGGA CCATACATTC CCCTGAAGAC GGGAAAGAAGA
 480
 GATGGACGGA AGAGCAGAGC AGATGTGGTG GAGAATTACC TGCCCCATCA CAATGAGAGC
 540
 ATCTCCACTG TTCTGTCTCG CTTCAAAGCC ATGGGAATCG ACACCCGTGG GGTTGTTGCA
 600
 CTGCTGGGGG CTCACAGCGT GGGGAGGACT CACTGCGTGA AGCTGGTGCA CAGGCTGTAC
 660

CCGGAAGTAG ATCCGACACT GGACCCTGGG CACGTGGAGC ACATGAAGCA CAAAGTGCCTGG
 720 GACGCGATCC CCAACCCGAA GGCAGTGCAG TATGTGCGGA ACGACCGGGG AACGCCATAG
 780 AAGCTGGACA ACAACTACTA CGTGACCTG ATGAACAAACA AGGGGGCTCT AATAGTGGAC
 840 CAGCAACTGT ATGCAGATTG GAGGACCAGG CCGTATGTGA AGAAGATGGC AAAAAGCCAG
 900 GAATACTTCT TCAAATACTT CTCSCGGGGC CTCACCATCC TCTCTGAGAA CAATCCCTTC
 960 ACCGGCGCTC GAGGAGAAAT CCGTCGGCAG TGCTCGCTCA AAAACAAATT CCACACAAAA
 1020 AGCAAGCGTT GAGCGATAGC TCAATGCCGC AGTGGTGGGA GTGATAGCGT GATGCCACAG
 1080 TGGTGGGCAT TTCATATATA AATTGCACTT TGCCTTTTA TTAGATAATC ATAATGGTGT
 1140 GGTGTGACTA TGCCCTGCGA ATCACATCGA TGAACCACAA CCGAACCGTG GAAACAGTAGG
 1200 CTTATTCCCT TATGTAAGCA GAACCTTTA TTATAAGCAA AAAAGACAAT CCTGTCTGTT
 1260 ATTCTAGTAT AATTTGTCA TCAGTTAAAG TTGCTCATCT GATAATAACT GGAAACGGTA
 1320 AAAATATGACA ACTACGTATC TTCTTTGGTC ATCTGATAAT AACCGGAAAC GATAAAAATAT
 1380 GACAACATACA TATATTCTTT AAAAAAAA
 1410

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:87:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 687 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:87:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:88:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 688 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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Claims:

1. An isolated DNA sequence comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of
 - (a) sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88;
 - (b) complements of the sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88;
 - (c) reverse complements of the sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88;
 - (d) reverse sequences of the sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 and
 - (e) sequences having at least about a 99% probability of being the same as a sequence of (a) - (d) as measured by computer algorithm FASTA.
2. A DNA construct comprising a DNA sequence according to claim 1.
3. A transgenic cell comprising a DNA construct according to claim 2.
4. A DNA construct comprising, in the 5'-3' direction:
 - (a) a gene promoter sequence,
 - (b) an open reading frame coding for at least a functional portion of an enzyme encoded by a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 and sequences having at least about a 99% probability of being the same as a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 as measured by computer algorithm FASTA; and
 - (c) a gene termination sequence.
5. The DNA construct of claim 4 wherein the open reading frame is in a sense orientation.

6. The DNA construct of claim 4 wherein the open reading frame is in an antisense orientation.
7. The DNA construct of claim 4, wherein the gene promoter sequence and gene termination sequences are functional in a plant host.
8. The DNA construct of claim 4, wherein the gene promoter sequence provides for transcription in xylem.
9. The DNA construct of claim 4 further comprising a marker for identification of transformed cells.
10. A DNA construct comprising, in the 5'-3' direction:
 - (a) a gene promoter sequence,
 - (b) a non-coding region of a gene coding for an enzyme encoded by a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 and sequences having at least about a 99% probability of being the same as a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 as measured by computer algorithm FASTA; and
 - (c) a gene termination sequence.
11. The DNA construct of claim 10 wherein the non-coding region is in a sense orientation.
12. The DNA construct of claim 10 wherein the non-coding region is in an antisense orientation.
13. The DNA construct of claim 10, wherein the gene promoter sequence and gene termination sequences are functional in a plant host.
14. The DNA construct of claim 10, wherein the gene promoter sequence provides for transcription in xylem.

15. A transgenic plant cell comprising a DNA construct, the DNA construct comprising, in the 5'-3' direction:
 - (a) a gene promoter sequence;
 - (b) an open reading frame coding for at least a functional portion of an enzyme encoded by a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 and sequences having at least about a 99% probability of being the same as a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 as measured by computer algorithm FASTA; and
 - (c) a gene termination sequence.
16. The transgenic plant cell of claim 15 wherein the open reading frame is in a sense orientation.
17. The transgenic plant cell of claim 15 wherein the open reading frame is in an antisense orientation.
18. The transgenic plant cell of claim 15 wherein the DNA construct further comprises a marker for identification of transformed cells.
19. A plant comprising a transgenic plant cell according to claim 15, or fruit or seeds thereof.
20. The plant of claim 19 wherein the plant is a woody plant.
21. The plant of claim 20 wherein the plant is selected from the group consisting of eucalyptus and pine species.
22. A transgenic plant cell comprising a DNA construct, the DNA construct comprising, in the 5'-3' direction:
 - (a) a gene promoter sequence;

- (b) a non-coding region of a gene coding for an enzyme encoded by a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 and sequences having at least about a 99% probability of being the same as a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 as measured by computer algorithm FASTA; and
 - (c) a gene termination sequence.
23. The transgenic plant cell of claim 22 wherein the non-coding region is in a sense orientation.
24. The transgenic plant cell of claim 22 wherein the non-coding region is in an antisense orientation.
25. A plant comprising a transgenic plant cell according to claim 22, or fruit or seeds thereof.
26. The plant of claim 25 wherein the plant is a woody plant.
27. The plant of claim 26, wherein the plant is selected from the group consisting of eucalyptus and pine species.
28. A method for modulating the lignin content of a plant comprising stably incorporating into the genome of the plant a DNA construct comprising, in the 5'-3' direction:
- (a) a gene promoter sequence;
 - (b) an open reading frame coding for at least a functional portion of an enzyme encoded by a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 and sequences having at least about a 99% probability of being the same as a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 as measured by computer algorithm FASTA; and
 - (c) a gene termination sequence.

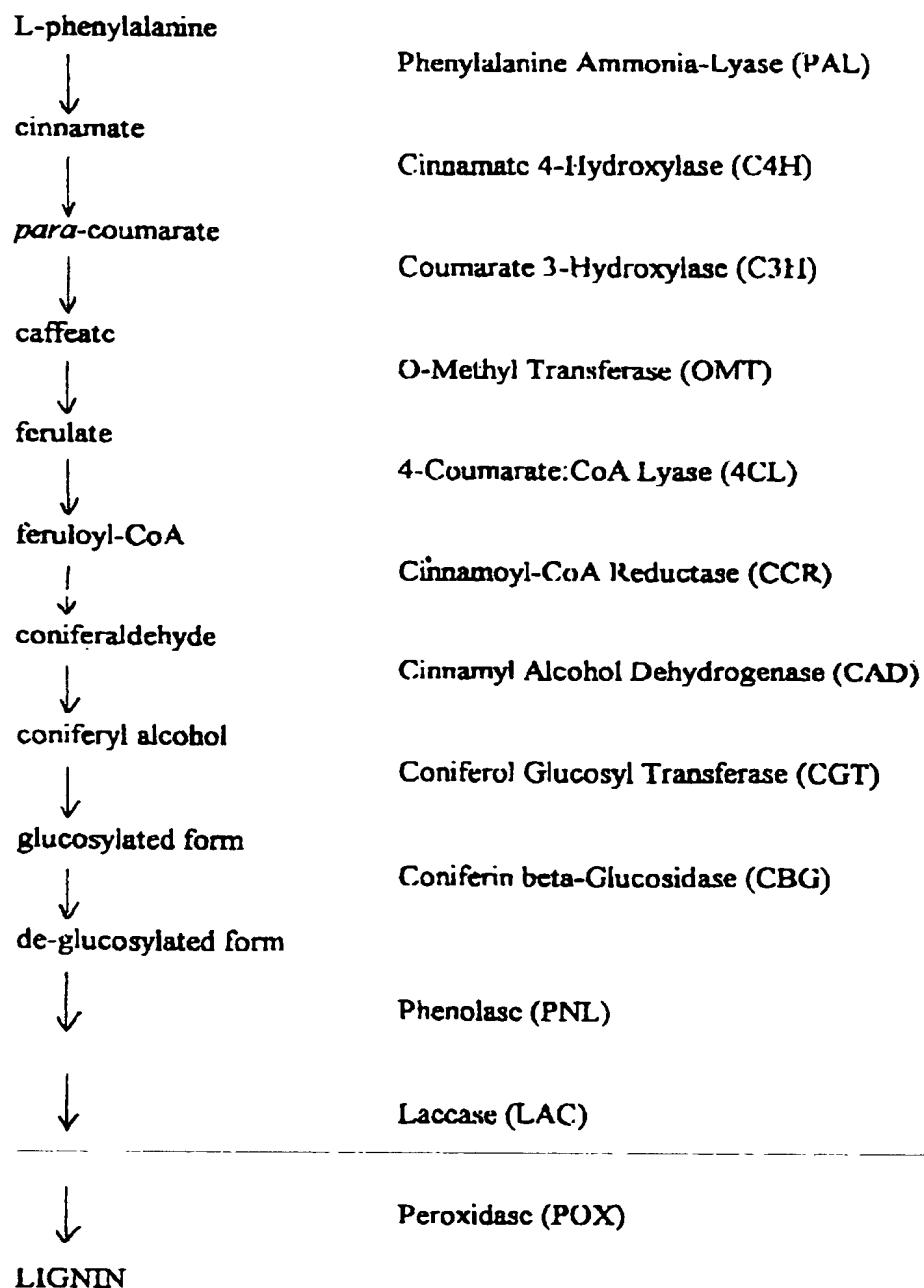
29. The method of claim 28 wherein the plant is selected from the group consisting of eucalyptus and pine species.
30. The method of claim 28 wherein the open reading frame is in a sense orientation.
31. The method of claim 28 wherein the open reading frame is in an antisense orientation.
32. A method for modulating the lignin content of a plant comprising stably incorporating into the genome of the plant a DNA construct comprising, in the 5'-3' direction:
 - (a) a gene promoter sequence;
 - (b) a non-coding region of a gene coding for an enzyme encoded by a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 and sequences having at least about a 99% probability of being the same as a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 as measured by computer algorithm FASTA; and
 - (c) a gene termination sequence.
33. The method of claim 32 wherein the non-coding region is in a sense orientation.
34. The method of claim 32 wherein the non-coding region is in an antisense orientation.
35. The method of claim 32 wherein the plant is a woody plant.
36. The method of claim 35, wherein the plant is selected from the group consisting of eucalyptus and pine species.
37. A method for producing a plant having altered lignin structure comprising:

- (a) transforming a plant cell with a DNA construct comprising, in the 5'-3' direction, a gene promoter sequence, an open reading frame coding for at least a functional portion of an enzyme encoded by a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 and sequences having at least about a 99% probability of being the same as a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 as measured by computer algorithm FASTA, and a gene termination sequence to provide a transgenic cell;
 - (b) cultivating the transgenic cell under conditions conducive to regeneration and mature plant growth.
38. The method of claim 37 wherein the open reading frame is in a sense orientation.
39. The method of claim 37 wherein the open reading frame is in an antisense orientation.
40. The method of claim 37 wherein the plant is a woody plant.
41. The method of claim 40 wherein the plant is selected from the group consisting of eucalyptus and pine species.
42. A method for producing a plant having altered lignin structure comprising:
 - (a) transforming a plant cell with a DNA construct comprising, in the 5'-3' direction, a gene promoter sequence, a non-coding region of a gene coding for an enzyme encoded by a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 and sequences having at least about a 99% probability of being the same as a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 as measured by computer algorithm FASTA, and a gene termination sequence to provide a transgenic cell;

- (b) cultivating the transgenic cell under conditions conducive to regeneration and mature plant growth.
43. The method of claim 42 wherein the non-coding region is in a sense orientation.
44. The method of claim 42 wherein the non-coding region is in an antisense orientation.
45. The method of claim 42 wherein the plant is a woody plant.
46. The method of claim 45 wherein the plant is selected from the group consisting of eucalyptus and pine species.
47. A method of modifying the activity of an enzyme in a plant comprising stably incorporating into the genome of the plant a DNA construct including
 - (a) a gene promoter sequence;
 - (b) an open reading frame coding for at least a functional portion of an enzyme encoded by a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 and sequences having at least about a 99% probability of being the same as a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 as measured by computer algorithm FASTA; and
 - (c) a gene termination sequence.
48. The method of claim 47 wherein the open reading frame is in a sense orientation.
49. The method of claim 47 wherein the open reading frame is in an antisense orientation.
50. A method of modifying the activity of an enzyme in a plant comprising stably incorporating into the genome of the plant a DNA construct including

- (a) a gene promoter sequence;
 - (b) a non-coding region of a gene coding for an enzyme encoded by a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 and sequences having at least about a 99% probability of being the same as a sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, 13, 16-70, 72-88 as measured by computer algorithm FASTA; and
 - (c) a gene termination sequence.
51. The method of claim 50 wherein the non-coding region is in a sense orientation.
52. The method of claim 50 wherein the non-coding region is in an antisense orientation.
53. The method of claim 50 wherein the plant is a woody plant.
54. The method of claim 53 wherein the plant is selected from the group consisting of eucalyptus and pine species.

FIG. 1

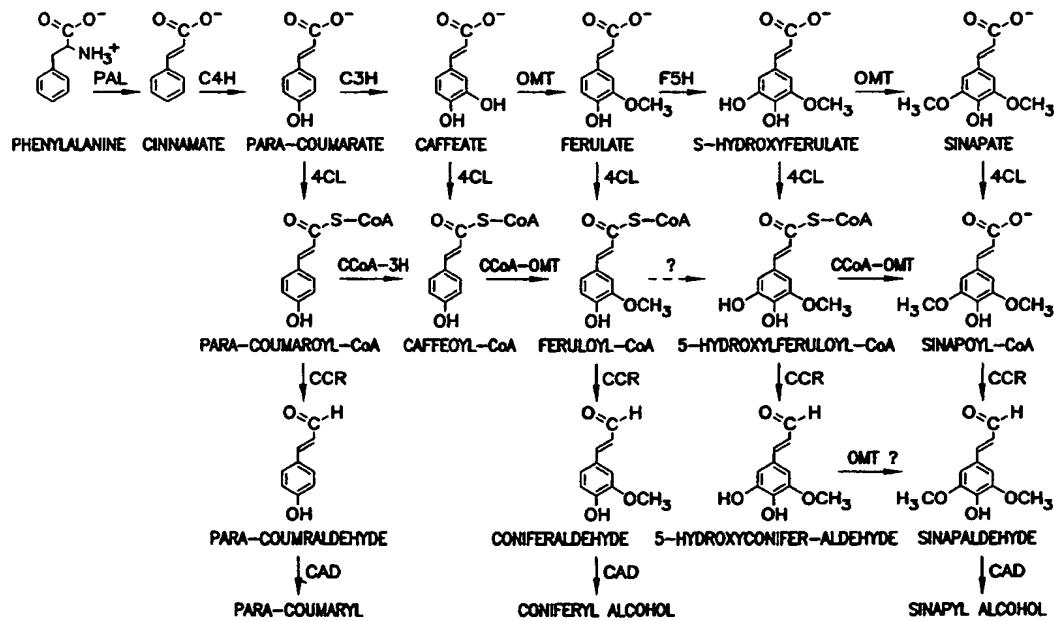




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(57) Abstract

The invention pertains to altering a lignin pathway 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase (4CL) in plants.

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1. Claims: 1-50 (1-17)

Method for altering the growth characteristics of a plant by incorporating into the genome a DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate-Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants.

2. Claims: 18-25

Method for altering the characteristic of a plant, the characteristic selected from the group of accelerated growth, reduced lignin content, altered lignin structure, increased disease resistance and increased cellulose content, by genetically down-regulating the enzyme 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants

3. Claims: 26-28, 42, 43, 45

A DNA molecule comprising a DNA segment comprising a transcriptional regulatory region of a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and expression cassette containing said segment and directing expression to the xylem.

4. Claims: 26, 27, 29, 42, 44

DNA molecule comprising a DNA segment comprising a transcriptional regulatory region of a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and expression cassette containing said segment and directing expression to epidermal tissue

5. Claims: 30-35

Method of imparting disease resistance to a plant tissue by introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants and seeds

6. Claims: 36, 37

Method for altering the lignin content in a plant by introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants

7. Claims: 38, 39

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Method for altering the cellulose content in a plant by introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants

8. Claims: 40, 41

Method for altering the lignin structure in a plant by introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants

9. Claims: 47-50

Method for enhancing the root growth of a plant by incorporating into the genome of the plant a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and corresponding plants

The ISA considers that the present claims do not relate to one invention or a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept as required by Rule 13.1 PCT. The reasoning is as follows:

Currently, the inventive concept linking all claims can be considered as methods for altering the growth characteristics of a plant by incorporating into the genome of a plant a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase or regulatory parts thereof.

This concept is however known from Kajita, S. et al., Plant Cell Physiology, vol. 37, no. 7 (1996), pages 957-965. The document discloses that the introduction of 4-coumarate:coenzyme A ligase (4CL) chimeric sense and antisense genes into tobacco caused the reduction of 4CL activity. The observed effects were that the cell walls of the xylem tissue in stems were brown, that the molecular structure of lignin in the colored cell walls was different from that of control plants and that the lignin content was reduced.

Thus, since the above defined inventive concept is not novel, the application is considered as being directed to nine different inventions which are not linked by corresponding special technical features. The specific features are:

1. Claims 1-17: Incorporation into the genome a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate-Co-enzyme A ligase for altering the growth characteristics.

2. Claims 18-25: Genetically down regulating the enzyme 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for altering the characteristic of a plant, the characteristic selected from the group of accelerated growth, reduced lignin content, altered lignin structure, increased disease

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resistance and increased cellulose content.

3. Claims 26-28, 42, 43, 45: A DNA molecule comprising a DNA segment comprising a transcriptional regulatory region of a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and expression cassette containing said segment and directing expression to the xylem.

4. Claims 26, 27, 29, 42, 44: DNA molecule comprising a DNA segment comprising a transcriptional regulatory region of a plant 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase and expression cassette containing said segment and directing expression to epidermal tissue.

5. Clais 30-35, 46: Introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for imparting disease resistance.

6. Claims 36, 37: Introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for altering the lignin content.

7. Claims 38, 39: Introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for latering the cellulose content.

8. Claims 40, 41: Introducing an expression cassette comprising a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for altering the lignin structure.

9. Claims 47-50: Incorporating into the genome of the plant a recombinant DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding 4-coumarate Co-enzyme A ligase for enhancing root growth.

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